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### Casias is tribe's first-ever chairwoman

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe witnessed history in the making April 13 when Pearl E. Casias was sworn in as its first-ever chairwoman.

Casias won the April 12 special election to replace Matthew J. Box, who resigned in late February, with a handy 37 percent of all votes cast. In a morning inauguration in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chambers, Casias swore to serve the Southern Ute people — and in doing so, took the reins from Councilman Jimmy Newton Jr., who had served as acting chairman for the past two months.

Newton was the first to congratulate the new chairwoman, noting its significance in the annals of tribal leadership.

“That’s a historical moment here: first lady elected chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” he said.

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photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Pearl E. Casias made history April 13 when she was sworn in as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's chairwoman, becoming the first woman ever to take the reins and lead the tribe. She quickly named Councilman Mike Olguin her vice chairman and Andrew Frost her executive officer. Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Gary Hayes was present to honor Casias with a blanket and be the first tribal leader to shake her hand as chairwoman.

## Tribe responds to surprising decision of Colorado Supreme Court

Media release  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

On March 14, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled in a case involving an effort by a number of ditch companies diverting water from the Pine River to confirm the right to divert water for stock and domestic purposes during the winter under their existing water rights for irrigation.

In the Colorado Supreme Court, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe challenged the ditch companies' unorthodox use of a procedure typically used to obtain new water rights without serving notice on affected parties. The Tribe argued that it was improper for the ditch companies to use this procedure and

that the courts should require that whenever someone seeks an interpretation of an existing water rights decree, all parties affected by the decree should be personally served notice of the action.

This was a case of first impression before the state's highest court. In a sharply divided 4-3 opinion, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled in favor of the ditch companies, holding that publication of notice of the pending action in the Durango Herald was adequate to inform all parties of the potential impact of the action. The decision has been met with dismay by leading water attorneys around the state.

“Tribal members should rest

assured that the decision had no impact on the tribe's federal reserved water rights, which are, and remain, the most senior water rights in the Pine River,” said then-Acting Tribal Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. “The tribe, like the ditch companies, may now divert water during the wintertime under its more senior priorities and if necessary ‘call out’ any of the ditches. The water rights of the tribe and its members remain secure, although future development of new water rights, including those that the tribe, along with the Pine River Irrigation District and Colorado Water Conservation Board, had planned to use for instream flow purposes may be more complicated.”

## Fitch affirms tribe's ‘AAA/F1+’ rating; outlook stable

Media release  
Fitch Ratings

Fitch Ratings has affirmed the ratings on Southern Ute Indian Tribe's \$305 million of adjustable-rate bonds at “AAA/F1+.”

The rating outlook is stable.

The tribe's longterm “AAA” general obligation rating is primarily based on the financial profile of the governmental operation, which is characterized by its large asset balance and its limited operational risk. Its management adheres to a set of comprehensive and conservative policies as adopted by SUIT's governing body.

These policies provide for financial separation of the governmental entity from the tribe's business enterprise operations, which are managed in a much more aggressive manner with the intent of diversifying its economic base away from dependence upon its on-reservation energy estate.

In 1999, the tribe adopted a financial plan, the primary objective of which is to ensure that governmental services to the membership will exist in perpetuity, while at the same time strategically investing resources through the business operations to diversify its economic base.

Organizationally, the tribe can be thought of as two distinct but inter-related pieces: the government and the business enterprises. Although the financial plan establishes a separation between the government and its asset base and the business enterprises, the primary credit concern is that the government may provide financial support should the operating profiles of the business entities become strained.

However, since the business entities' profits are not essential to the financial health and viability of the government, Fitch

believes it is unlikely the government would provide significant financial support to a struggling business enterprise.

Aside from the investment earnings on the governmental assets (which are managed and invested in a manner similar to an endowment fund of a nonprofit institution), most recurring cash flow of the government is generated through passive energy revenue resulting from the development of its on-reservation energy estate. As these resources are depleting and non-renewable, the tribe has been seeking to diversify through business ventures in off-reservation energy exploration and production, as well as investments in private equity ventures, real estate and construction.

Fitch expects that the tribe may incur additional leverage to fund projects related to the business operations, but expects these financings would be nonrecourse to the governmental assets of tribe, looking solely to the financial strength of the business entities for repayment.

Although a perfected security interest in such assets does not exist, bondholders can exercise recourse against these assets as provided by the bond indenture.

The indenture does provide limitation on the amount of general obligation debt that can be issued to 40 percent of the net assets of the tribe's primary government activities. As of Dec. 31, 2010, the tribe remains well below the 40-percent threshold based on governmental net assets.

Outstanding general obligation debt of the tribe includes the series 2001, 2007 and 2010 adjustable-rate bonds and a revolving credit facility with a \$200 million commitment, about \$140 million of which is currently drawn. The adjustable-rate bonds mature in 2027, 2031 and 2040, respectively; the revolving credit facility expires March 2012.

The adjustable-rate bonds are subject to optional tenders by investors. The tribe is providing an internal liquidity facility in the form of a standby bond purchase agreement, under which it is

#### Fitch affirms the following:

- \$69 million tax-exempt adjustable-rate bonds series 2001 at “AAA/F1+”
- \$127 million taxable adjustable-rate bonds series 2007 at “AAA/F1+”
- \$110 million taxable adjustable-rate bonds series 2010 at “AAA/F1+”

The rating outlook is stable.  
Additional information is available at [www.fitchratings.com](http://www.fitchratings.com).

Having debt secured by the business entities should not threaten the government's ability to meet its financial obligations, but financial strain at the business entities may ultimately pressure the tribe's general obligation rating if financial support is provided by the government despite the tribe not being legally required to provide such support.

The adjustable-rate bonds are general obligations of the tribe, which it promises to repay from its available assets, including those of the government.

obligated to purchase bonds which are tendered and are not successfully remarketed.

The “F1+” short-term rating on the adjustable-rate bonds is based upon the strong liquidity position and sound internal procedures the tribe has put in place to provide for the timely access and transfer of funds in the event of a failed remarketing. Specifically, the “F1+” rating reflects that cash and highly liquid investments are in excess of 125 percent of the potential maximum debt service obligation.

## Snake in the gym



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students got up close and personal with nature April 14 when the “Global Safari” visited the SunUte Community Center. Several lucky students got the chance to hold or interact with exotic animals such as a porcupine, a legless lizard and a miniature goat. For more photos of the animals and other Academy events this month, check out page 8.



News in brief

IGNACIO

**Attention Indian mineral owners!**

If you own mineral interest on the U&O Reservation, please attend an important meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 10 a.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. All those allottees who would like to enjoy lunch and receive an update on the recently announced sale of Uintah Basin assets by Harvest and Branta to Newfield Exploration are cordially invited to attend. Lunch Provided For Allottee Attendees. Representatives Of Branta, Harvest, and Newfield will be present to:

- Provide information on the announced sale transaction
- Provide an update on future plans
- Hold a question and answer session

**Free railroad ties to Tribal members**

Treated railroad ties located at the south softball field are available for the tribal membership on a first come first served basis. There is a limit of six (6) railroad ties per tribal member. For more information please contact the Construction & Project Management department at 970-563-0138.

**Free bison meat available to tribal members**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

**Ignacio School Explores Club to host yard sale**

The Explorers Club will be hosting a huge yard sale in the parking lot Saturday, April 30. You can rent space for \$15, and all the profits you receive from your sales are yours. So, start cleaning out your closets, sheds, and storage units. If you have any questions call Deb Otten at 970-563-0675 ext. 345.

**Fly-tying class**

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. Experienced and inspiring anglers join Mike Minot for a lesson in tying flies. Mike has been fishing local waters for over 40 years and will be at the Ignacio Community Library on April 30. All materials and tools will be provided. Call us at 970-563-9287 to sign up.

**Tribe offers radon testing**

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238, pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710, mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

**DURANGO**

**Home Ignition Zone workshop being offered**

FireWise of Southwest Colorado and the San Juan Public Lands Center are offering a Home Ignition Zone Workshop on April 29-30. Attendees will learn about risk factors around your home that could cause it to burn, how to conduct an assessment, review case studies of homes that have burned due to flying embers, and more. This is an ideal course for Homeowner Association Board members, concerned homeowners, and others interested in providing important wildfire risk information to residents. Students will get to practice the information they learned by conducting on-site assessments. The Workshop will run from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The workshop is free but registration is required, as space is limited. RSVP to Pam Wilson at 970-385-8909 or swcolorad-ofirewise@gmail.com.

**PAGOSA**

**Wildfire presentation scheduled**

The public is invited to a free presentation "Firescaping Your Forested Homesite" on May 5 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. in Pagosa Springs. Pam Wilson, Program Director for FireWise, will discuss why wildfire danger is increasing and what we can do to protect ourselves and our property from wildfire. Included will be a discussion on landscaping and plant materials. Firefighting and mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Christina Marquart at 970-759-3638. This presentation is sponsored by the FireWise of Southwest Colorado, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, and the Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District as part of May is Wildfire Prevention and Education Month.

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Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

Southern U te Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch presents a blanket to 1964 Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills after Mills delivered the keynote speech at the tribe's banquet to honor its graduating high school seniors. The banquet was held in the Diamond Circle Theater at Durango's Strater Hotel.

This photo first appeared in the April 20, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

20 Years Ago

Vice-chairman Vida B. Peabody and Councilwoman Lillian Seibel cut the ribbon to open the Southern Ute Tribe's new education building. Councilman Guy Pinnecoose Jr. looks on.

This photo first appeared in the April 19, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 Years Ago

Work has begun on the race track at the Sky Ute Downs. The level of the race track was not up to standards and the Southern Ute construction crew, along with the BIA roads crew, are trying to make it level.

This photo first appeared in the April 26, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.





## Royalty hosts Bear Dance workshop



The Southern Ute Royalty hosted its annual Bear Dance workshop at the Multi-purpose Facility on Thursday, April 14. The event featured presentations by Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box and Sheila Nanaeto, followed by a short documentary film on the Bear Dance itself. Box spoke about etiquette and traditions, closing with a couple Bear Dance songs. Nanaeto spoke of the women's role in the social dance and relayed some of her own experiences growing up as a Ute woman attending the Bear Dance. Royalty members served a meal and hosted a raffle. Southern Ute Brave Carlos Whiteman shakes hands with the Bear Dance chief. Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo and Grace Gonzales proudly show off their traditional dress and regalia.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## Indigenous Materials Institute coming to Colorado

### Media release

Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums will be convening an Indigenous Materials Institute in the Four Corners area of Colorado, June 5-8.

Co-hosted by the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College and the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, this three-day institute will focus on challenges specific to the care of indigenous materials found in archives, libraries, and museums: artifacts, collectibles, photographs, recordings, maps, and much more.

Participants include staff and volunteers from tribal and non-

tribal archives, libraries, and museums located throughout the nation, along with college students pursuing degrees and research in these fields. The wide variety of sessions and hands-on workshops are designed to serve participant needs to provide the best possible stewardship for indigenous materials in their collections or care. These programs include caring for and storing textiles, creating exhibits, starting a tribal museum, locating funding, recording oral histories, and using digital technology.

The Sky Ute Casino Resort will serve as the host hotel while providing classrooms and venues for evening events, as will the Center of Southwest Studies and the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.

The association is a nonprofit organization funded through grants by the Institute of Museum and Library Services out of Washington, D.C. and housed at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The organization is built on the foundation of earlier efforts beginning in 2002 with the first national conference in Mesa, Ariz., sponsored by Arizona State Museum and the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records. Subsequent conferences, workshops, and institutes have taken place nationally in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

For more information regarding registration and scholarships, go to [www.atalm.org](http://www.atalm.org), phone 405-522-3515 or email [atalminfo@gmail.com](mailto:atalminfo@gmail.com).

## Seeking Bear Dance feast volunteers

Southern Ute Bear Dance 2011, May 27-30

The Bear Dance chief is asking if anyone is willing to take on the task of being head frybread maker and head stew cook for the Bear Dance feast on Monday, May 30.

If you would like to volunteer, to help with the Bear Dance feast, please contact Andrea Taylor at 970-563-0100 ext. 2250 or Anna-Marie Garcia at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208.

## Preparing the Bear Dance grounds



Dale Santistevan and Ricky Jefferson were among the crewmembers cleaning the Bear Dance grounds on Monday, April 18. Each year the tribe's Grounds Maintenance Division takes a role in preparing for the Bear Dance celebration by cutting back the weeds and garnishing the shade structures with fresh-cut tree boughs before the event. Pictured here: Santistevan (top) refuels his equipment as Jefferson cleans up overgrown vegetation around the Bear Dance corral.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## PowWow Trails

### Highland High School Spring PowWow April 27

4700 Coal Ave. S.E. • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: HHS Native American Leadership Council

Phone: 505-265-3711

Email: [nativeleadership@gmail.com](mailto:nativeleadership@gmail.com)

### Gathering of Nations April 28 – 30

Avenida Cesar Chavez Blvd. SE • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Gathering of Nations

Phone: 505-836-2810

Web: [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com)

### Celebration Spring Fest Benefit PowWow April 30

Sandstone Elementary, 850 N. 2450 E. • St. George, UT

Contact: Alisa Bedonie

Phone: 435-817-5863

Email: [ipac.utah@hotmail.com](mailto:ipac.utah@hotmail.com)

Web: [indianparentactioncommittee.webs.com/](http://indianparentactioncommittee.webs.com/)

### Food Drive & Fundraising PowWow April 30

4407 Morrison Rd. • Denver, CO

Contact: Lisa Olivas

Phone: 970-672-4727

### Nizhoni Days PowWow May 1

Redondo Drive NE • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Mary Alice Tsosie

Phone: 505-277-8922

Email: [nizhonipowwow@gmail.com](mailto:nizhonipowwow@gmail.com)

### 18th Annual Spring Bear PowWow May 14

Regis University Field House, 3333 Regis Blvd. • Denver, CO

Contact: Bear or Alisa Limvere

Phone: 303-648-3414

Email: [powwow@ravendancers.org](mailto:powwow@ravendancers.org)

Web: [ravendancers.org/powwow/](http://ravendancers.org/powwow/)



## Ute Language

uwatipÜ - cloud

uwarÜ - rain

nüarÜ - wind

Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.



# The Kidney Corner:

*A diet for people with chronic kidney disease*

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates

“I have chronic kidney disease. What kind of diet should I follow?”

There is no single answer to this commonly asked question. But diet is very important in people with chronic kidney disease, as we shall see.

First, we need to consider the cause of the CKD. For example, if diabetes is the cause, then a diabetic diet is needed. This is usually low in sugar and should have a balanced proportion of calories from proteins, fats and some carbohydrates.

Obesity is also closely linked to CKD, and a calorie-restricted diet can help preserve kidney function for those of us who need to lose a little weight.

Atherosclerosis, the process of cholesterol buildup in the blood vessels, is also a common accompaniment to CKD, and for people with high cholesterol, a low-saturated-fat, low-cholesterol diet is needed.



And for patients with hypertension (high blood pressure), a low-salt diet can help bring the blood pressure down.

Many patients have several of these conditions, which can require simultaneous restriction of sugar, saturated fats and salt. Although these restrictions might not preserve kidney function independently, their contribution to controlling the underlying disease is extremely valuable in slowing progression of kidney disease.

Second, different stages of kidney disease require different

approaches to diet. Less-severe stages of kidney disease usually don't require much diet restriction other than paying attention to the issues already noted. A majority of patients with kidney disease have hypertension, so salt restriction is usually needed; restricting salt also helps to reduce ankle swelling associated with some forms of kidney disease.

More advanced kidney disease may result in accumulation of various substances in the blood as a result of the failure of the kidneys to excrete them. Potassium, for example, can accumulate dangerously, potentially causing heart rhythm disturbances. This may require restriction of foods high in potassium, such as melons, tomatoes, peaches, bananas, oranges and green chile.

Phosphate is another example of an electrolyte that can accumulate in patients with kidney disease. It is found in meat, dairy products, nuts and sodas with cola. Please note that none of these lists are intended to be complete.

## Tribal members ‘line dancersizing’



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Marge Borst and Ramona Eagle, along with other participants, step onto the dance floor at the Multi-purpose Building April 20. The tribe hosted a “line dancersizing” event, led by “Extraordinaire” Ray A. Paytiamo of Shiprock, N.M. Paytiamo is a certified health and fitness professional. The dancing event encouraged participants to follow step-by-step instructions for a variety of well known dances, such as the Electric Slide and the Cowboy Hustle. Paytiamo travels with a small dance crew and emphasizes the health benefits of dance.

### Los Pinos Softball Tournament

May 28 – May 29

Men's and women's softball teams, ages 16 and older.

Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 26.

\$250 entry fee per team. Visa, Master Card and Discovery accepted.

Entry fee must be paid no later than Thursday, May 26 to hold a spot.

Teams will be hitting their own 44. core softballs. Only ASA approved bats will be used.

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# Patient-centered model: You know your body best

By Tom Duran  
Southern Ute Tribal Health

By now, most of you have heard me say “You know your body best.”

This is the basis for our patient-centered model and gives health care ownership back to you, the patient. This is the reason you can now walk into the Health Center and have an open conversation with one of our providers without the fear of being looked down upon. This is the reason you can request a second opinion if you question your doctor's diagnosis.

This is the reason our approach to diabetes has evolved from one doctor and one patient to a team of health care professionals working together through case management. This is the reason the health system's governing body is the Tribal Council, all of whom are enrolled tribal members. This is the reason the Tribal Health Advisory Committee is comprised of enrolled tribal members from all age groups, including the youth and elders.

This is the reason our patient information and prevention staff go to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy once a week to provide diabetes education to tribal children. This is the reason tribal children draw health-related pictures used in our brochures and other documents.

And this is the reason Tribal Health provides weekly updates during our “Feeding the Spirit” radio broadcast every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. on KSUT Southern Ute tribal radio on 91.3 FM and [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org).

Our patient-centered model continues to be implemented in all areas of the health system, from

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governance and administration to clinical and direct patient care.

In order to appreciate the patient-centered model, it is important to recognize there are generally two types of health system models in relation to how care is provided.

The first model has been referred to as the provider-centric, or provider-focused, model, which dates back to between 460 and 370 B.C. when Hippocrates encouraged “concealing most things from the patient ... revealing nothing of the patient's future or present condition.”

Hippocrates is referred to as the “father of western medicine” and is believed to be the author of the Hippocratic oath, which doctors swear by to ethically practice medicine. Under the provider-centric model, patients are required to submit to their doctor, never question his or her advice, and leave clinical decision making to the doctor. I remember several times, many years ago, when I personally received health care and received some negative responses when I asked

my doctor to explain a procedure.

The second model, referred to as the patient-centric model seems, to date back to the 1969 patients' rights movement, but nobody is quite sure. The patient-centered model is based on the patient actively participating in his or her health care and health decision making.

It requires transparency and the sharing of knowledge and information, which builds strong partnerships and relationships between the patient and the health care team. The approach emphasizes teamwork and often is difficult to implement because it requires physicians to let patients participate in their health decisions.

In 1983, Dr. Jerome Kassirer wrote an article in the New England Journal of Medicine titled “Adding Insult to Injury – Usurping Patient's Prerogatives.” In the article, Kassirer wrote “Weakened and frightened by illness, patients face an awesome barrage of medication information, technology, traditions, and jargon. Yet there is no other time when it is more important for them to participate in decisions about their medical care.”

He further explains that physicians must set aside their images of themselves and work in partnership with patients.

The patient-centric model is not a new concept, and there will be many different versions because no two patients are the same, no two communities are the same, and health care changes with time. But Tribal Health will continue to implement the patient-centric model by working with each individual patient to adapt the model to meet the patient's needs, because it is a fact that “You know your body best.”



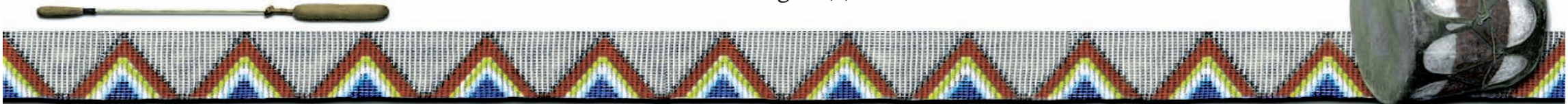


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Casias makes history • from page 1

In her first speech as chairwoman, Casias made clear her intent to unify the council to better serve tribal members.

“This is a journey for all of us,” she said, adding that the commitments in her oath of office apply to each council member. “We need to work in a unified manner.”

Wasting no time once in office, Casias delivered a one-two punch of administrative assertion. First, she named Councilman Mike Olguin her vice chairman — a surprise move that Olguin himself, who hadn’t been told in advance. Then she surprised many others by naming as her executive officer Andrew Frost, who served as co-executive officer under Box.

“I thought my best days had come and gone, and I chalked it up to experience,” said Frost, who received the invitation by voicemail earlier this week. “Without hesitation, my answer was yes.”

Casias said announcing the positions right away was an indicator of things to come.

“We are going to be up front,” she said. “We are going to do things on top of the table.”

She then discussed how past leaders of the tribe have made decisions that continue to benefit its members today.

“I’m very proud of the past leadership you see here today on the walls,” she said, gesturing to the portraits of former chairmen that line the chambers’ circular wall. “We are here today, in this beautiful building, to enjoy the fruits of their labors.”

Casias, a former vice chairwoman, council member and chief judge, drew 160 votes to top fellow contenders Clement J. Frost (116), Kevin R. Frost (76), Richard L. Jefferson (50)

and Matthew J. Box (36), who sought to reclaim his seat. All told, among the tribe’s 855 registered voters, 438 cast votes. Nine ballots were deemed spoiled and three voided, according to the Election Board.

Olguin, as the new vice chairman, echoed Casias’s sentiment that unity will be key for the council going forward.

“I’m looking forward to working with madam chair,” he said. “There’s still a lot of opportunity in front of us. ... We have our debates, but that’s just it: That’s our job.”

Olguin said he’s been proud of the council’s ability to ask tough questions to get at the root of concerns within the tribe.

Newton, who after several years as Box’s vice chairman and two months as acting chairman now returns to the role of councilman, followed suit by suggesting unity within the council fosters unity tribewide.

“We’re committed here, this leadership, to move forward,” he said. “We’re divided out there; we all know that. We fight over a lot of things. ... We need to bring that unity back.”

Several council members said that in the months since Box’s resignation, the council has begun to rediscover its unified self.

“We have become unified in these past several months,” said Council Lady Marjorie Borst. “It is for the membership that we are working.”

“We did do a lot of stuff [under Acting Chairman Newton],” Council Lady Joyce Dutchie added.

Council members also praised Newton and Mel Baker, who filled in as acting executive officer, for their hard work in the

interim.

“[Newton] has demonstrated good leadership skills,” Council Lady Ramona Eagle said. She added that the council is again able to have discussions and make decisions to benefit tribal members over the long term. “You may not see it today, but you’ll see it later on in the future of the tribe.”

Also present for the inauguration was Chairman Gary Hayes of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Hayes made a point of being the first tribal leader to shake Chairwoman Casias’s hand.

“We’re all in this together when it comes to the issues that we face,” he said.

Hayes presented Casias with a blanket to honor her accomplishment.

Casias also invited former Chairman Howard D. Richards Sr., under whom she served as vice chair, to speak.

“Your job is not going to be easy, as you know. My heart is with you,” he said. “I know you will do a good job. You will do a good job.”

Other officials from the Ute Mountain Ute council and the local Bureau of Indian Affairs office spoke briefly to offer Casias their congratulations.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Pearl E. Casias took her oath as the first woman to lead the Southern Ute Indian Tribe before Chief Judge Elaine Newton and the tribal membership on Wednesday, April 13. Tribal members gathered to witness and pay respect in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council Chambers. Former Chairman Howard Richards Sr. and Snowbird Frost, Casias’s granddaughter, were among those who spoke. Among the tribal elders present to pay witness to this historic event was Irene Burch, wife of the late Chairman Leonard C. Burch. Newly appointed Vice Chairman Mike Olguin greeted attendees following the ceremonies. Tribal members, including Ian Thompson, cast their votes at SunUte prior to the historic election count. A reception took place in the Hall of Warriors following Casias’s inauguration.



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## So. Ute vets attend banquet



photo courtesy Rod Grove/VSO

Several Southern Ute veterans made the trip to Denver April 10 for the 39th annual United Veterans Committee of Colorado Awards Banquet at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. Pictured here (left to right) are Kenneth C. Melcher, banquet co-chair; Ronnie C. Baker and Rod Grove, Southern Ute veterans; Jeff Ward, Southern Ute employee and veteran; Austin Box and Howard D. Richards Sr., Southern Ute veterans; and Marvin L. Meyers, banquet co-chair.

## Tribal members sell goods



Southern Ute tribal members congregated in the Multi-purpose Building for a community yard sale April 17. The yard sale is organized by tribal members and takes place intermittently. Tribal members interested in participating in future yard sales can call the Multi-purpose Building at 970-563-2640 for information and times.

Elise Redd, co-organizer of the yard sale, cuts brisket for her tantalizing frybread sandwiches, which she sells at the yard sale. Mary Inez Cloud takes a look at some garments San Jean Burch has on display for sale at her table.



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### SUMMER CAMP FACTS

- ♦ Begins Wednesday, June 8th
- ♦ Programs for 6-18 year olds
- ♦ 7:30-5:30pm, M-F
- ♦ \$10/yearly membership plus weekly fee (TBD)
- ♦ Must enroll for summer

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Interested in assisting our Club as a mentor, teaching an enrichment class or assisting with lunch supervision? Call us!

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### SUMMER ENROLLMENT (ONLY WAY TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER) MEETINGS ARE HELD AT SUNUTE

New Summer Club Members

May 11 @ 6pm, May 24 @ 12pm, or June 4 @ 9am

Returning Summer Club Members

May 10 @ 6pm, May 25 @ 12pm, or June 4 @ 10am

# TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

**Every Sunday in May & June  
at the Sky Ute Casino Resort  
In the John S. Williams Room.  
12:00pm-3:30pm**

May 1st  
May 8th  
May 15th  
May 22nd  
May 29th

Doll Cradle Board (Helen Tom)  
Doll Cradle Board (Helen Tom)  
Gloves-Bear Dance (Lorna House)  
Gloves-Bear Dance (Lorna House)  
Handgame

June 5th  
June 12th  
June 19  
June 26th

Sewing  
Ute Bingo  
Necklace Crafts  
Pillow-blanket Making

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Afternoon on Sundays at the casino from 12-3:30pm.

All Activity Afternoons will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call Edward Box III at 563.1762.



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July 10-14, 2011

This year there will be no Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) for 2011. Instead, Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be hosting a U.S. Indigenous Games.

Coaches are needed for the following sports:  
**Basketball (Boys 17-19), Swimming and Wrestling**

Calling Native American athletes ages 13 – 19, as of Dec. 31, 2011 are eligible to participate.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER  
May 20, 2011**

Athletes must provide the following upon registering.

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Indian Blood

Athletes are only allowed to participate in one of the following sports:

Archery  
Basketball  
Golf  
Swimming  
Wrestling

If there are not enough players signed up for a sport, that sport will be dropped.







## District honors top pupils



The Ignacio School District honored its top-performing students at an awards banquet April 18. Several Southern Ute tribal members were among those recognized, including sixth-grader Cameron Weaver, eighth-graders Tanisha Coyote and Sydney Santistevan, and eleventh-graders Kelsie Frost and Rylie Jefferson. Also honored were Johnson O'Malley students Alicia Naranjo and Corey Francis.

photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

## Youth tour job market



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

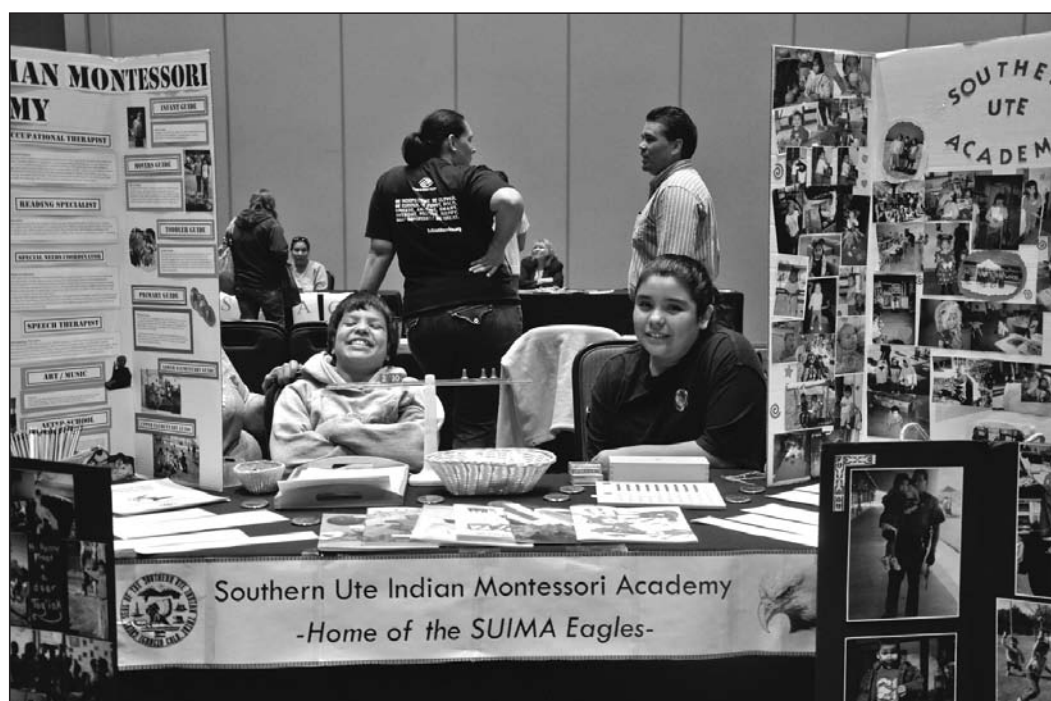


photo Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Education Department's annual Career Fair took place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on April 13, drawing participants from around the area. Organizations including tribal entities, college recruiters, law enforcement officials, and the casino set up informational booths touting opportunities available to the up-and-coming graduates of tomorrow. The Southern Ute Drum opened the door to internship opportunities and a taste of the journalism world with its own interactive booth. The event was open to area schools and the public. Walter Howe (top) of the Education Department greets Bruce Valdez, executive director of the tribe's Growth Fund. The Southern Ute Montessori Academy staffed its booth with students.

## Happy birthday!



### Happy 7th birthday to Ezekiel Jordin Howell

I would like to wish EZ a very happy 7th birthday on April 26th! I love u my boy! Well here we are again another year gone! Time sure flies when ur having fun, especially with you! There's never a dull moment with you around :) you are quite the entertainer! And you have grown into a very loving, funny lil guy to say the least! But we all love you just the way you are! You make everyone around u smile! Never stop being you! You are great at everything you do and we are all so very proud of you. You have accomplished a lot in the past few years and you keep on suprizing me. I hope that u enjoy your day special day with everyone that loves u son!

Love always,  
Momma



### Happy Birthday Sister, Mother, Auntie, Cousin, Neice, and grandmother

May your day be filled with happiness and joy, may the wind blow at your back and the sun upon your face. May your home be warm and your fridge full. May your days be busy and your evenings restful. May your times of joy be never-ending and your times of sorrow be limited. May your journey be long, tiresome but worth the effort and rewarding upon it's ending. May your time be spent with family, friends or loved ones and your time alone spent reflecting upon yourself and your own wants and needs. Smile and laugh as these are your greatest gifts to us, share, care and love as these are also your gifts we share with you.

Happy Birthday Blenda,  
Love - your bro, and your family

## Correction

The Drum wishes to correct the following errors that occurred in the April 8 issue:

- Due to a technological error, the obituary of Joan Howe Sanchez contained errors. We have reprinted the correct version on page 17.
- A photograph cutline on the front page erroneously identified a flag being lowered by veterans as the Ute Mountain Ute tribal flag.

## Youth Summer Employment Program



The Youth Summer Employment Program is currently taking applications. If you are a Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Enrolled Member between the ages of 14-21 and are interested in a summer job come get an Application at the Education Department. As part of the program youths will participate in Friday Workshops learning subjects about SUIT history, CRP/First Aid and visiting Tribal owned companies, only to name a few activities.

Deadline to return applications is:  
May 6, 2011

Program Starts :  
June 3, 2011

\*\*\*[Space is limited]

### Eligibility

1. Southern Ute Tribal Member
2. Age 14-21

Contact person: 970-563-0237 ext. 2791

Youth Employment Coordinator  
Education Department  
330 Burns Avenue  
PO Box 737 #36  
Ignacio, Co. 81137

## BENEFIT DANCE!



Music by Big "O" Productions/Oscar Cosio  
Saturday, May 7th, 2011

Pie Auction

7 p.m. to 12 p.m.

\$3 per person/\$5 Couple/\$10 Family

In the HEAD START GYM

Come out and have some family fun!!

Food Sale and Pie Auction

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# Porcupines, fishing and books, oh my!



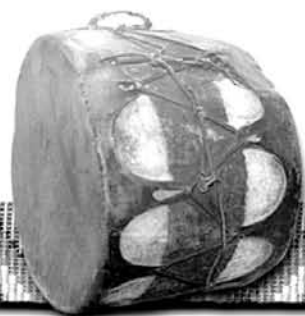
*April has been a busy month for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Students got outside for some fresh air April 11 during the first day of Fishing Club, then enjoyed a Global Safari and the annual Book Fair April 14.*



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM







## BGC Youth of the Year



photo courtesy Jennifer Bartlett/SU BGC

Kree Lopez, recently named the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's leader of the year, poses for a photo with Colorado state Rep. J. Paul Brown, R-Ignacio, and Gov. John Hickenlooper at the University Club on March 29 for the Colorado State Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Competition.

## Education update

### Nominations for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education
- An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on May 6, June 3 and July 8. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

## Southern Ute Education Department Southern Ute tribal students of the month

Introducing a new special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



### Ja'Nik Murray

Third grade, Ignacio Elementary School  
**Parents/grandparents:** She lives with her grandmother, Irene Myore Reed, and her aunt and uncle, Ronald and Art Silva. Sister: January. Brothers: Julius and Eagle Boy  
**What subject(s) do you feel are your strengths at school?**

Reading first, math second, and writing is third.

### Hobbies/pastimes:

She loves to read, from sun up to sun down.

### What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a judge, because everyone should always tell the truth and not tell lies to hurt people.

### Education Department teacher comments:

Ja'Nik was picked to be student of the month because she gives 100 percent in school and is a fantastic friend, sister, and student. She is a great role model for the others!

### Xavier Watts-Hight

11th grade, Ignacio High School  
(no photo available)

**Parents/grandparents:** Kenneth and Geneva Gomez

**What subject(s) do you feel are your strengths at school?**

Math

### Hobbies/pastimes:

Hunting, fishing, camping, basketball, and football

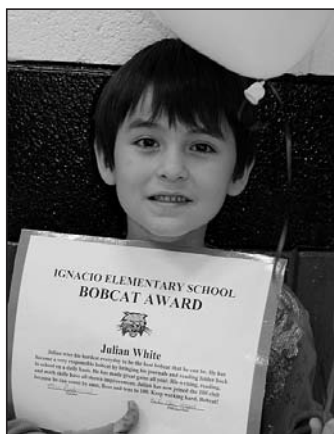
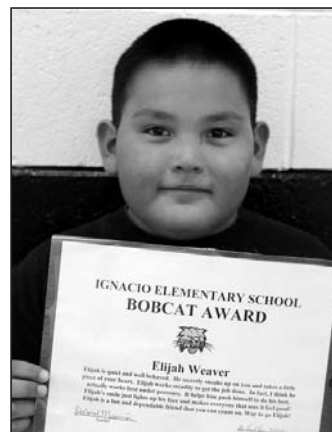
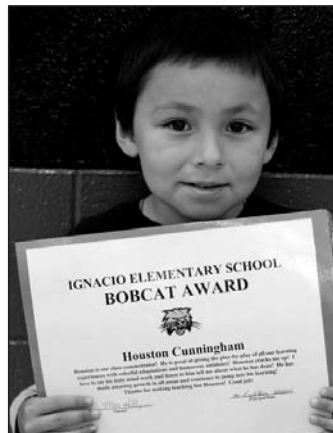
### What do you want to be when you grow up?

I don't know yet.

### Education Department teacher comments:

Xavier is always well-mannered, respectful and pleasant. I have seen real maturity and growth this year. Keep up the good work.

## Bobcats of the Month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn.

Pictured from top left to right: Lakota Bartley, Houston Cunningham, Layla Cuthair, Shelton Garcia, Joseph Gonzales, Alric Hudson, Samarah Olguin, Brandon Price, Elijah Weaver and Julian White.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

# SKY UTE SALON AT SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

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## Cultures come together



photoas Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

The Ignacio School District hosted Cultures Coming Together April 15 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Fifteen booths filled the Events Center representing various cultures from around the world. Ignacio High School agriculture students (top photo) provided a booth on horticulture. Pictured left to right are Pamela Cotton, Destinee Lucero, ShaRay Rock and Nicole Williams, all of Ignacio High School.

The Southern Ute booth (above photo) for Cultures Coming Together was steered by Jr. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Serena Fournier (not pictured) and her peers (pictured left to right) Zehrena Antez, Jordan Cuthair, and Michael Cruz. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Ramona Eagle and Joycelyn Dutchie took time to meet with the students and introduce themselves.

## Coloradans urged to protect against hantavirus

**Media release**  
Colorado Department of  
Public Health and Environment

As spring cleaning nears, state health officials are warning Coloradans to avoid exposure to hantavirus when opening up cabins, buildings, sheds and barns.

Hantavirus is a respiratory disease carried by deer mice. Deer mice are brown on top and white underneath. They have large ears relative to their head size. House mice are all gray, have small ears, and don't carry the disease. Hantavirus is transmitted by inhaling dust contaminated with the virus in a mouse-infested area.

Already this year, hantavirus has claimed the life of an individual in southwest Colorado and sickened another in Weld County. Colorado averages about four cases of hantavirus a year. In 2010, five cases and two deaths were reported.

"Now is the time when people begin cleaning out barns, garages, storage buildings, sheds, trailers or cabins that have been closed up all winter," said Elisabeth Lawaczek, state health veterinarian with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "They need to take precautions before beginning such work, particularly if there are mouse droppings and other signs of mice. Be particularly vigilant ... in and around buildings or nearby wood or junk piles."

Rodent-proofing and control also should be done before extensive cleaning efforts, she said. Structures should be ventilated thoroughly and any accu-

mulation of dust or dirt and mouse droppings should be wetted down with a mixture of bleach and water before any cleaning begins.

"Vacuuming an area without first wetting it down will not provide the necessary protection," Lawaczek said.

She advised rodent-proofing the home by plugging holes and entry points where mice can get inside; eliminating food sources for rodents; and removing abandoned vehicles and wood, brush and junk piles where rodents hide.

Hantavirus, which causes death in nearly half of all cases, begins with a high fever, severe body aches, a headache and vomiting. The onset of these symptoms begins one to six weeks after exposure. Initially, there are no respiratory symptoms present.

"If, however, you develop a fever, headache and muscle pain within six weeks of exposure to deer mice, seek medical care immediately," Lawaczek said.

Because no effective treatment exists for the disease, prevention is the key to avoiding hantavirus.

### Hantavirus prevention tips at a glance

- Rodent-proof buildings by plugging holes or other mouse entryways. Conduct year-round rodent control using traps or poisons, or hire a professional exterminator.
- Make home or work areas unattractive to rodents. Keep indoor areas clean, especially kitchens. Store food in rodent-proof containers and properly dispose of garbage in sealed containers. This includes pet, livestock and bird food.
- Remove rodent hiding places such as wood, junk and brush piles. Store firewood at least 100 feet from the house. Keep vegetation around the house well-trimmed.
- Use caution when cleaning out enclosed areas such as trailers, cabins, barns and sheds. Open doors or windows to provide good ventilation for 30 – 60 minutes before cleaning out structures. Avoid stirring up dust by watering down areas of mouse infestation with a mixture of bleach and water. A bleach mixture of one cup of bleach per gallon of water is recommended.
- Thoroughly soak potentially contaminated areas with the bleach mixture.
- Use rubber gloves to pick up saturated waste, including nesting materials or dead mice. Double-bag the waste using plastic bags, and bury or dispose of it in an outdoor garbage can or landfill.
- Disinfect gloves with bleach and water before removing. Wash hands afterward.
- In cases of severe infestation, or when ventilation and dust suppression are not possible, use a rubber face mask equipped with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter.
- People camping in rural areas should avoid sleeping on bare ground. Instead, use tents or ground covers.

## Boys & Girls Club Spring Break service week

During Spring Break 16 club members from the Boys & Girls Club carried out a mural project that was conceived with the new Year. the project started as an idea to address the rampant graffiti that had taken over the Cedar point East bus stop. In the early part of March, SUPD staff started the labor work of covering the graffiti with a fresh, new coat of paint and clearing the weeds from around the bus stop. Thus, a fresh new canvas was created and the peace Jam members of BGC put their artistic minds together to create a mural that in hopes would earn respect and fend off additional graffiti.

Local artists babe Lansing and Mylando Tom, who are BGC staff members, took on the project of outlining the mural in preparation for club members to come in over Spring Break and bring it to life. those club members that participated really enjoyed the service project and they received several positive compliments from the local neighborhood. There is still some additional art work that will be added and a touch up will complete the project in the near future.

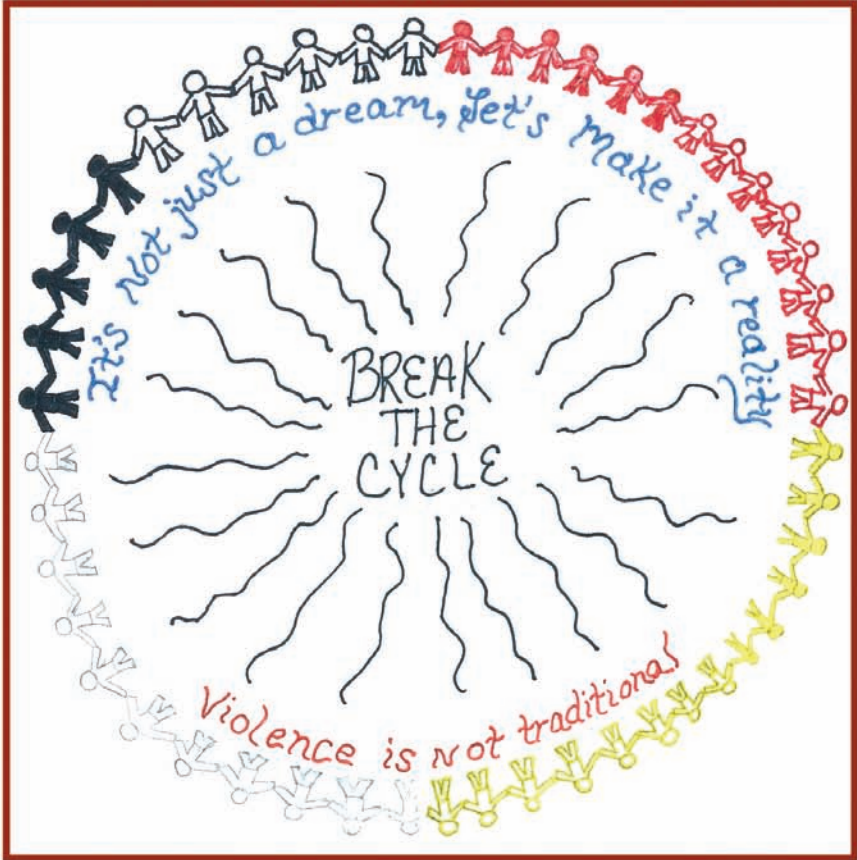
BGC and Peace Jam would like to thank the Tribal Housing Dept. and SUPD for funding the paints and supplies, and SUPD staff for their man power and the artists for projecting peace jam's vision onto a canvas.



## See It. Stop It. Parent and Youth Leadership Projects presents

### S.T.A.N.D.

STANDING TOGETHER ADVOCATING NON-VIOLENT DATING



**April 25th**  
**Ignacio Public High School**  
**10:15 - 3:15**

Parents, elders, community members and allies to youth are invited to join Ignacio High School students for two important theatrical performances about preventing dating violence, "The Yellow Dress" and "Remote Control". The plays are performed by Deana's Educational Theatre: Acting to Prevent Abuse.

**This free event includes lunch in the High School Cafeteria.**

Make plans now to join us. Don't miss your opportunity to learn about how we can stand together with young adults in their efforts to have violence free relationships.

Sponsors forming an alliance with S.T.A.N.D. are the following community groups, businesses and individuals: The Violence Prevention Coalition of Southwest Colorado, Ms. Foundation, Southern Ute Health Services, Southern Ute Education Department, Ignacio High School, Southern Ute Tribal Courts, Beverly Lyons, Billy Goat Saloon, El Amigo Restaurant, Tyler Mann, D.D.S., Southern Ute Indian Tribe Victim Services, T.P. Lounge and 7-11 Convenience Store

**See It. Stop It. on Native Lands**  
**Tri-ethnic parent and youth leaders taking action to stop violence in our lives.**

Artwork by See It. Stop It. contest entrant Sky Dawn Sandoval



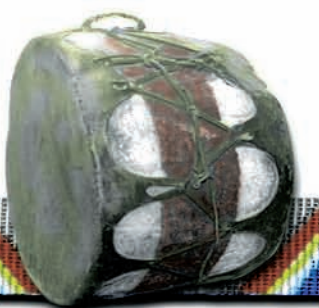


photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

A group of Southern Ute women met at the Multi-purpose Building April 15 to discuss health issues. The keynote speaker was Elise Redd (below), who talked about how natural herbs and scented oils can be used to ease health ailments. Linda Eagle, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf and Evalyn Russell (above) enjoyed the opportunity to joke and share lunch during the course of the all-day meeting.

# Ute women explore healing through herbs, oils

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

A group of Southern Ute women met April 15 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park to learn about “energy healing,” the process of using one’s own energy to manage pain and health ailments.

Tribal member Elise Redd led the discussion, which covered the use of a variety of herbs and scented oils to achieve different effects. Redd has studied the use of such natural remedies and travels around the country teaching the principles to groups. On this occasion, she showed tribal members how to pick herbs for use in eye pillows, which are placed over the eyes to maximize exposure to the fragrances inside. “One thin to remember with herbs is to smell them,” she said. “If it’s something that smells good to you, it’s something you probably need.”

Tribal members chose from ingredients such as sage, lemon-grass, orange peel, eucalyptus, licorice root and cedar shavings.

“When you’re using herbs, the most important thing is to respect them,” Redd said. “Respect your herbs and they’ll be good to you.”

Herbs that grow near where a given person is from tend to have a greater effect on that person, she said.

Once the herbs were chosen, they were placed in bags and the bags sewn shut. Tribal members including Linda Baker, Neida Ray and Mary Inez Cloud shared stories and jokes as they worked.

The second exercise involved using scented oils to find sore spots on the body. Some, such as lavender, are meant to have a relaxing effect, while others are said to treat specific maladies — for instance, an upset stomach, in



the case of peppermint.

Participants, using just a few drops of oil in the palm, took turns moving their hands in the space around their partners’ bodies, looking for changes in temperature. A suddenly cold or hot area over a specific body part, such as a shoulder, is an indicator of some kind of trouble or past injury, Redd said.

As part of the day’s activities, Lynda Grove-D’Wolf shared healthy diet tips for women. They included avoiding processed foods, white sugar, milk chocolate, and anything after 7 p.m.

“There are ‘superfoods’: These are the foods that you should try to eat a lot of,” she said, naming a list that included oranges, apples, avocados, blueberries and

broccoli.

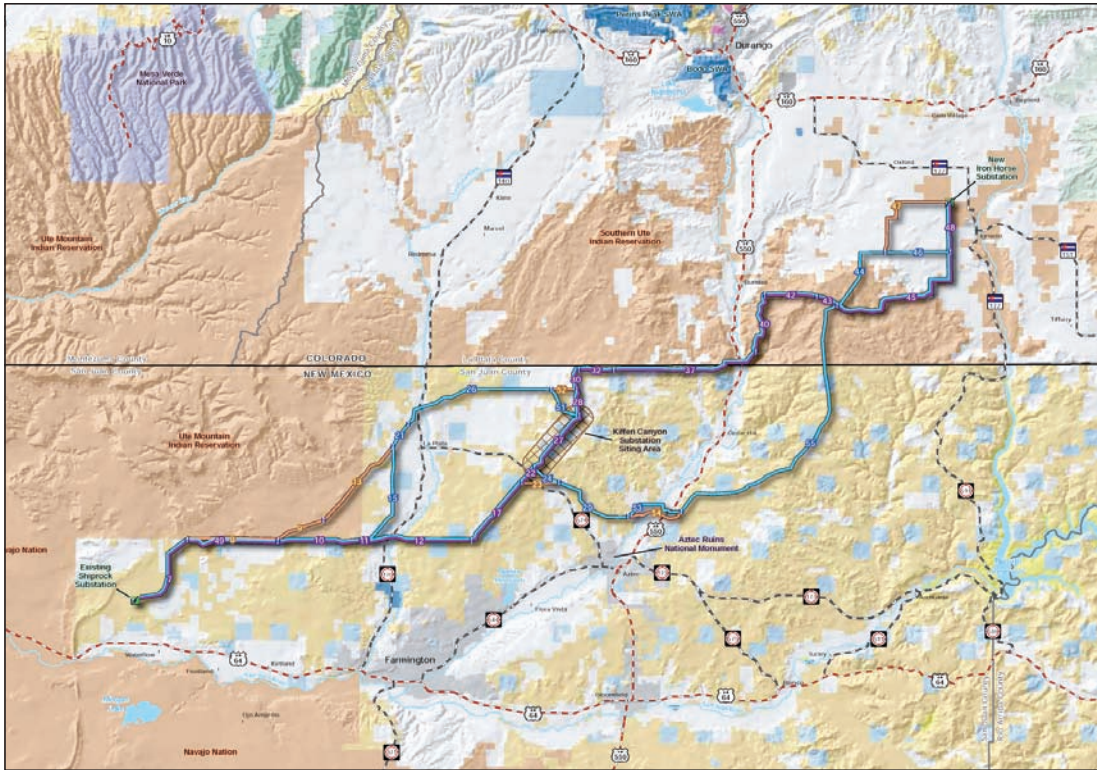
Grove-D’Wolf said it’s important to replenish the body through good food and exercise, especially as it gets older.

“The body starts slowing down. After 40, forget it,” she joked. “If you keep eating donuts, you’re going to look like a donut.”

She said it’s important to move as much as possible — including walking and swimming — to prevent stagnation.

The participants were joined for part of the day by Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Marjorie Borst, and for lunch by Chairwoman Pearl E. Casias.

The next women’s health conference is scheduled for May 12 at the Multi-purpose Building.



illustrations courtesy Tri-state Generation and Transmission Association

The Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association hosted an informational meeting for Southern Ute tribal members April 15 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park. The association is planning a power line from a substation near Farmington, N.M., to Ignacio to increase capacity for future needs in La Plata County. The group is currently examining several routes for the line. A forthcoming environmental impact study will help determine which route is to be the final one.

## Proposed power line would cross through reservation

*Planners say  
no houses  
within 299 feet  
of route*

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association hosted an informational meeting for Southern Ute tribal members April 16 to review a proposed power line from Farmington, N.M., to Ignacio that would cross through tribal land.

It was the second such meeting at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park; the first took place March 15. The line would carry 230 kilowatts of electricity from the Shiprock substation northwest of Farmington to the Iron Horse substation between Ignacio and Oxford. It’s needed to meet the projected future demand for power in La Plata County and prevent a shortfall, said Scott Fernau, project manager for the Westminster, Colo.-based Tri-State.

“As a utility, we can’t let that happen,” he said. “There could be the possibility of brownouts or blackouts or something like that.”

Fernau said aggressive residential and commercial growth has made clear the need for infrastructure improvements. The electrification of gas wells has also increased demand in the area. But it’s important to note, Fernau said, that this proj-

then building one more in case of a failure somewhere else. The new line could serve as backup should any other lines feeding the county fail.

**Power lines and electromagnetic fields**

Several tribal members have expressed concerns about possible health effects as a result of living near power lines.

*“There will  
continue to be  
close coordination  
between Tri-State,  
the Bureau of  
Land Management  
and the tribe as  
this ... process  
moves forward.”  
- Steve Whiteman,  
Southern Ute  
Wildlife Resource  
Management  
Division head*

To address those concerns, Tri-State brought along Dr. Robert L. Pearson, vice president of Englewood, Colo.-based CH2M HILL, who has studied the electric and magnetic fields generated by power lines. Pearson said given the distance between the proposed line and the nearest house in Cedar Point — about a quarter mile, according to siting maps at

health threat.

The fact that the line will be visible from the neighborhood shouldn’t be too jarring, Fernau said, because Tri-State intends to use existing La Plata Electric Association poles to carry it.

The planners took great care to ensure that no homes along the entire 65-to-68-mile route are within 299 feet of the proposed line, said Carly Collins, environmental planner for Denver-based Tetra Tech EC Inc.

**Determining the final route**

Collins said project planners have identified a preferred route for the line, but have also drawn up plans for several alternatives. Many factors feed into where lines are placed, including proximity to existing developments, accessibility, and environmental concerns, she said.

Currently Tri-State’s preferred option crosses from New Mexico into Colorado by spanning the valley over the Animas River and U.S. Highway 550 at the state line and proceeding roughly northwest into Ignacio. The preliminary alternative enters Colorado farther east by coming north from New Mexico’s Alien Run mountain biking area.

A large factor in the final determination will be the outcome of an environmental impact study being undertaken by the third-party contractor Parametrix, based in Auburn, Wash.

Steve Whiteman, Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division head and the tribe’s liaison on the project, said the tribe has stated a preference for the route entering the state farther east, through the central Mesa Mountains.

“There has been close communication with a team of tribal experts and the Tribal Council going back to as early as 2009,” he said, adding that it was in 2009 that the council indicated its willingness to support the project. “There will continue to be close coordination between Tri-State, the Bureau of Land Management and the tribe as this EIS process moves forward.”

Once a final route is determined, Tri-State will begin surveying, design, and land acquisition in earnest. It must request right-of-way grants from the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs — and, by extension, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe — to do so.

Construction on the line is slated to begin roughly in mid-2014 and finish by the end of 2015.

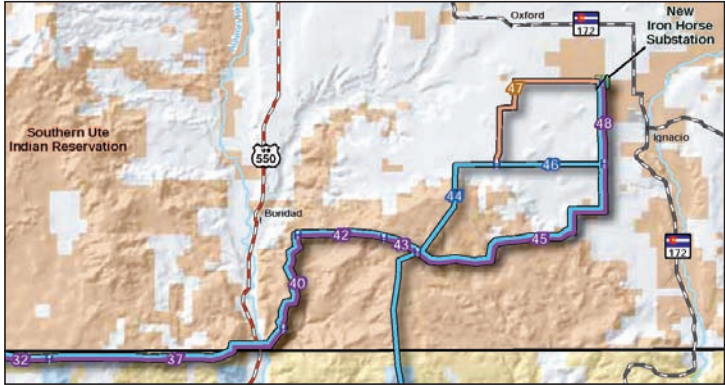
Tri-State is owned by 44 power co-ops in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Nebraska, including LPEA.

## Ignacio apartment burns down



photo courtesy Eddie Box Jr.

This photo of an April 9 Ignacio apartment fire was submitted by Southern Ute tribal elder Eddie Box Jr.



illustrations courtesy Tri-state Generation and Transmission Association

Planners are primarily looking at two routes coming into Ignacio: one that enters Colorado by spanning the valley over the Animas River and U.S. Highway 550 at the state line and proceeding northwest, and another that enters the state farther east by coming north through the central Mesa Mountains.

ect would simply transmit power from New Mexico — no new power would be generated.

The line would satisfy La Plata County’s needs for the foreseeable future, Fernau said.

“We don’t see any other need for a line like this,” he said. “It’ll be a big boost to the system.”

Tri-State plans its systems using an “N-minus-one” consideration: that is, building enough lines to guarantee power and

the meeting — there is little about which to be concerned.

Pearson said even at much closer distances, the numerous studies on the subject have failed to prove a connection between exposure to power lines and health ailments. He said while tribal members on the western edge of the housing development will see the line, it’s unlikely they’ll hear it and a virtual certainty there’s no





# The power of physical activity

By Claudette Watts  
Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

Insulin resistance — when insulin does not work as well as it should — is the root problem for the overwhelming majority of individuals who have diabetes or who are struggling with their weight. Physical activity is one of the central components in reversing this devastating problem. Several studies have provided scientific data revealing how even modest exercise improves insulin resistance.

## How exercise affects insulin sensitivity

Insulin sensitivity is when the effect of insulin is better and helps restore a normal response. Exercise has several positive effects on insulin sensitivity: — Exercise dilates the capillaries, or small blood vessels, and increases blood flow to the muscle. One of the first problems

leading to insulin resistance is the vasoconstriction (narrowing of the arteries) of this capillary bed in the muscle, which decreases the blood flow to the muscle and creates a physical barrier for insulin to pass through to the surrounding tissue and cells.

- Exercise is key in promoting this circulation to the muscle tissue. This allows more insulin to get to the muscle cell, and increases the transport of glucose into the muscle. Then the glucose gets used, not stored as fat.
- Research has shown that the more physically fit you are, the better your muscles can use insulin.

No matter what your age or physical condition, medical evidence supports that physical training or exercise can improve one's sensitivity to insulin. It is the actual aerobic exercise that aids in this process, not the weight loss itself — although weight loss can help.

Reversing insulin resistance allows the body to “tip back” into a normal metabolic state so that it can use the calories you consume normally. Your body will then begin to release the fat it has been storing. A simple, consistent exercise program is essential if you have any desire to improve or protect your health.

Insulin resistance in those who are obese is primarily due to the lack of sensitivity to insulin in the muscle tissue. After the muscle tissue is stimulated through exercise, overweight individuals respond better to insulin in their muscle. Their bodies are then able to take up the glucose from the blood stream and utilize it in their muscles rather than have it sent to the fat tissue.

Routine aerobic exercise is absolutely necessary if you want to significantly decrease your risk of diabetes, control your diabetes, or achieve permanent fat loss. Get out of your comfort zone and have some fun!

## Cleaning up the reservation



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ricky Jefferson heads out on the Southern Ute Reservation April 14, during one of his first days with the Grounds Maintenance Division, as part of the annual tribal Spring Cleanup event. Each spring, tribal members are invited to discard unwanted trash for free collection.

## Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee

55 years and older,  
Enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Ute speaking

If interested in serving on this Committee,  
please submit your letter of interest to the Executive Office.

## By-Laws Of The Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee

**Mission Statement:** To preserve the Southern Ute way of life in perpetuity for the future of the Tribe.

- I. The Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee (Committee) will be the authority on language and culture for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.
- II. **Statement of Purpose.**  
The Committee seeks:
  - To teach the Southern Ute language, culture, and traditions,
  - To interpret to the tribal members on language, culture, and traditions,
  - To be or identify a resource for the Ute language, culture, and traditions,
  - To assist the Beardance and Sundance Chief,
  - To assist the Culture Preservation Department.
- III. **Membership**
  - A. **Composition of Committee.** The Committee will consist of 7 members, each of whom will be appointed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council (Tribal Council). Interested applicants must submit letters of interest to the Committee, who will determine if the applicant is eligible for membership and whether to make a recommendation to the Tribal Council for appointment to the Committee.
  - B. **Eligibility.** Members of the Committee must be 55 years and older, an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and should be a Ute speaking candidate.
  - C. **Term.** The term of office of members of the Committee shall be for three (3) years and terms shall be staggered. When the Committee is first established, two members' terms shall be designated to expire in one (1) year, two members' terms to expire in two (2) years, and three members' terms to expire in three (3) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for (3) years, except that in the case of a vacancy before the term has ended, a replacement appointment for that position shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. Each member of the Committee shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified.
  - D. **Officers.** The Committee shall choose a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its seven members.
  - E. **Resignation and Removal.** Any member may resign by a written notice to the Chairperson. Any member may be removed by majority vote of the Committee upon (4) unexcused consecutive absences or other action(s) deemed in conflict with the purpose of the Committee.
  - F. **Vacancy.** When a Committee position is vacated, the Chairperson shall prepare and place an advertisement in the Southern Ute Drum for two publications. The Committee will select names to be submitted as recommendations to the Tribal Council, who will appoint a replacement.
- IV. **Duties of the Committee**
  - A. **Duties of Committee.** See purpose.
  - B. **Duties of Officers.**
    1. Chairman – Shall be responsible for scheduling and moderating the monthly Committee meetings. Shall have the power to appoint special and standing committees and delegate those responsibilities of the Chairperson to the other officers, members of the Committee, or staff when appropriate and when that delegation does not undermine the position and powers of the Chairperson, who is a voting member only in a tie vote.
    2. Vice-Chairman – In absence of Chairman, will have responsibilities of the Chairman.
- V. **Meeting and Notice**
  - 1) The Committee shall meet on a day designated by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall notify all members of the time and place of such meetings by a written notice to all members at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.
  - 2) The Committee shall meet with and update Tribal Council on a quarterly basis.
  - 3) Committee meetings shall be open to any Tribal Member who wishes to attend
- VI. **Quorum and Voting**

A quorum to conduct Committee business shall exist when (4) members are present.
- VII. **Compensation**

Committee members shall be compensated \$100.00 per meeting for their participation.
- VIII. **Travel**

Four trips per committee member per fiscal year will be allowed. Travel should only pertain to language and culture activities that would benefit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. All travel must be conducted in accordance with the Tribe's policies and permissibility of travel is contingent upon adequate funding in the budget.
- IX. **Amendments and Revisions**

These by-laws may be amended or revised, in whole or in part, by majority vote of the Committee with the concurrence of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

## National Telecommunicators Week April 10-16, 2011

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators. Everyday, many people depend on the skills, expertise and commitment of Southern Ute Police Department's E-911's Dispatchers. Our staff helps numerous lives by answering emergency calls, dispatching emergency professionals, and by providing moral support and compassion to citizens in distress. Associated with emergency response is self-control under pressure and critical decision-making within seconds. Many people don't stop to think about the faceless individual who answers the 911 calls until they experience an actual emergency themselves. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our Communication Staff for all their hard work and their commitment to the community and citizens of the Southern Ute Reservation. We are proud to honor our employees for their dedication to Southern Ute Police Department for saving lives and protecting property.

Amelia Enriquez  
Dolores Gallegos  
Ian Walter  
Amber Albo  
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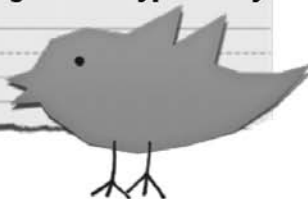
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## HEALTHY CHANGES INVOLVE THE WHOLE FAMILY

The “75210” campaign is a good starting point for parents who want to help their children live healthier lives. Healthy changes involve the whole family, and “75210” focuses on small steps to wellness. Each of the numbers reflect an approach to healthier lives:

- 7** Eat breakfast 7 days a week
- 5** Eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables
- 2** Limit screen time after work/school to 2 hours or less daily
- 1** Participate in physical activity at least 1 hour a day
- 0** Zero soda and sugar-sweetened beverages on a typical day

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# Cats lose ground in SJBL baseball

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Any mid-season arguments for the San Juan Basin League's finest team were authoritatively silenced this past Saturday on Gonzales Field at Joe Rowell Park.

On the strength of a reported eleven hits, the host Dolores Bears put across twelve runs in a five-inning shutout of the Ignacio Bobcats. Tyler Wancura managed IHS' lone hit off DHS senior Austin McCracken (W; 10 K) in a shortened complete-game outing—on the same calendar date, April 16, as three no-hitters in

MLB history (including the late Bob Feller's no-no for Cleveland on Opening Day, 1940).

"He was pretty overpowering," said IHS skipper Ardie Eleck. "We're still a work in progress."

The Bears blew the game—as it was up to that point—open with nine scores in their third-inning onslaught, then practically iced their cake with two more runs in their fourth. From statistics reported by Dolores' Jim Everin, known Ignacio antagonist Ryan Greene was, ironically, the only Bear without a hit.

Otherwise the attack was fairly even, top to bottom. Byron Crites, Tyler Underwood, Cody

Carroll, and Tanner Cumpton each notched two RBI's. McCracken (2B, R, RBI), Simon Condon (2 R), and Cumpton (2 R) each went 2-for-3 batting, as IHS' Mark Garcia (L; 1-3) weathered the storm's worst.

Now 2-7 overall (0-2 SJBL), Ignacio will host Dove Creek in a doubleheader at SunUte Field on Saturday, April 23, with DHS visiting for two three days later. Results from the Bobcats' double-dip at Nucla on Tuesday, 4/19, were unavailable at press time, with the Mustangs (6-4, 1-1) coming off a 12-0 blanking of DCHS during the same time frame as IHS' loss to the Bears.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Teresa Zito (1) thinks of a good way to prevent Center's Marissa Storey (11) from attacking during the Lady Bobcats' 2-2 tie at IHS Field on April 12.

# Tracksters start state-qualifying process

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Digital gauges or analog anemometers rendered, for all practical purposes, nearly all sprinters' times and jumpers' distances anonymous at the windy, chilly Abel Velasquez Pine River Invitational.

As stated in the 2011 CHSAA Track & Field Bulletin, wind readings of above +2.0 negate any apparent State Championships-qualifying results. And frankly, there was no hope inside Bayfield's Wolverine Country Stadium at the PRI; figures spiked just over +9.0 in some wind-monitored events while regularly topping +5.0 in others, and also hit +10 on other occasions during some non-monitored runs.

Padding around the pole vault pit even took a brief flight in full view of the die-hard competitors and their fans in the stands. And oh yes, the PRI's April 14 date was the make-up date; similar weather conditions, plus precipitation, resulted in a postponement on April 9!

Not even two full days later, at Durango's Ron Keller Invitational, the Ignacio track-and-field rosters—perhaps not even fully thawed—attempted again to gain Jeffco Stadium-worthy standing [the Bulletin states only the top 18 per event will be seeded for State] in various individual disciplines.

The Bobcat boys and girls had each fought to place 11th at the PRI, but under more favorable

conditions—though still moderately windy—their respective finishes improved to eighth on each side at the Keller. The boys totaled 42 points, up from 23.5 at the PRI, and the girls totaled 25 (up from 19).

And the best part? There were some coveted top-18 [currently] performances.

With reported wind readings in negative numbers—indicating resisting headwinds—Michelle Simmons' 27.47 in the 200 meters won in Durango, and as of Monday ranked sixth in Class 2A. Her 4'10" hop in the high jump was also victorious—via fewer attempts than Bayfield's Jacey Sirios and Pagosa Springs' Taylor Strohecker—and is inside the class-wide top ten.

Against a -4.5 breeze, freshman Adam Herrera still won the boys' 200-meter event for an IHS sweep, clocking 23.37—five-hundredths slower than his fourth-place sprint at the PRI, but still swift enough to rank eighth in 2A.

Casey Haga and Ethan Pearson, both seniors, placed 3-4 at the Keller in the pole vault, clearing 11'6" and 11'0", respectively, with teammate Dusty Mangus fifth at 10'0". According to varvee.com reports, all three heights currently rank inside 2A's top 14 this season.

IHS hosted the Los Pinos Invitational, back at Wolverine Country, on Tuesday but results were unavailable at press time. This weekend sees the Bobcats in New Mexico at the Bloomfield Invitational, with a trip to Cortez

Middle School awaiting on Tuesday for the M-CHS Invitational.

Additional Ignacio results from the Keller Invite included:

BOYS' 100 Meters—Isaiah Harrison (22nd, 13.67), Christian Knoll (34th, 14.57); 200—Pearson (6th, 24.63), Austin Haire (14th, 26.84); 400-Haire (16th, 1:02.89); 4x100 (4th, 46.68); 4x400 (5th, 3:41.34); High Jump—Justin Carver (T-6th, 5'2"); Shot—Shane Richmond (6th, 37'3.5"), Carver (18th, 25'6"), Greg Bison (19th, 24'2.5"); Discus—Richmond (6th, 112'0"), Kelton Richmond/Haire (T-14th, 95'2"), Carver (26th, 77'3"), Knoll (32nd, 67'6"), Bison (37th, 54'4").

GIRLS' 100 Meters—Carly Barborinas (17th, 15.38); 200—Katelyn Sivers (7th, 29.46); 800—Gabriela Garcia (9th, 2:59.09); 4x200 (6th, 1:59.04); Shot—Kiana Thompson (13th, 25'0.5"), Bonnie Lucero (25th, 20'11.5"); Discus—Lucero (11th, 73'3"), Jayce Stricherz (20th, 63'1"), Thompson (29th, 44'6").

BOYS' STANDINGS—Durango 135, Montezuma-Cortez 127, Bayfield 90.5, Pagosa Springs 70, Mancos 52, Dolores 50, Telluride 49, IGNACIO, Dove Creek 12, Lake City 5, Sanford 1.

GIRLS' STANDINGS—Durango 155, Dolores 117, Pagosa 94, Bayfield 93, Telluride 78, M-CHS 53, Sanford 40, IGNACIO, Dove Creek 10, Mancos 9, Creede 1.

# Young kickers' schooling continues

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

There's no getting around it; this weekend's going to be brutal for the Lady 'Cats.

Whose situation at goalkeeper took a turn for the worse this past weekend. Sophomore Valerie Armstrong was injured late last Saturday at Pagosa Springs, and—with Opening Day netminder Jimi Lynn Sanchez already forced to step away due to lingering effects from an old lower-back injury—head coach Andrew Fenity's creativity was rushed into action.

As was sophomore defender Jasmine Red, already earning tough first-year stripes trying to slow opposing attackers with her feet, but forced to also test her hands against the Lady Pirates. And at Golden Peaks Stadium the locals already had the match in the bag; Ignacio's goalie switch only hastened the outcome—a 10-0 mercy-rule victory for PSHS.

Katie Blue struck for a three-goal hat trick to lead the charge, while Anissa Lucero and Sydney Smith each scored twice. Smith was also credited with four assists in a huge performance.

The previous afternoon at IHS Field, Ridgway, like Pagosa, led 5-nil at halftime before the Lady Bobcats buckled down to play—in Fenity's words—"one of our best halves this season." The Lady Demons, with fewer reserves to utilize than IHS, couldn't end the contest early but led 7-0 after 80 minutes.

Audrey Jossi recorded a hatter for new boss Tim Lyons, while



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Shannon Mestas (9) locks elbows with Center's Karina Vasquez (2) while battling for a ball during the Lady Bobcats' 2-2 tie at IHS Field on April 12.

single goals came from Lauren Gleason, Savannah Davis, Scarlet Holvenstot, and Grace Benasutti.

A double-header with 3A Southwestern-leading Telluride awaits Ignacio this afternoon at Down Valley Park, with the RHS rematch following the next morning at Solar Ranch. Results from Tuesday's match against Bayfield were unavailable at press time.

Ignacio's home finale has been re-scheduled for April 30, with

Pagosa coming in rather than awaiting IHS' arrival, with the season still slated to end May 3 at Center. Which should be an interesting attraction out in the San Luis Valley; the long-down-trodden Lady Vikings battled Ignacio to an unexpected 2-2 draw back on April 12. Destinee Lucero netted both goals for IHS, freshman Marissa Storey did likewise for CHS—her latter strike erasing Ignacio's 2-1 lead in the second half.

Ignacio spring sports standings					
Baseball: 2A/1A San Juan Basin League (as of April 18, 2011)			Girls' Soccer: 3A Southwestern League (as of April 18, 2011)		
Team	Overall	League	Team	Overall	League
Dolores	7-3	2-0	Telluride	6-1	5-0
Nucla	6-4	1-1	Pagosa Springs	4-3	4-2
Dove Creek	1-9	1-1	Bayfield	4-4	4-2
IGNACIO	2-7	0-2	Ridgway	3-3-1	3-2-1
			Alamosa	4-3-1	3-3-1
			IGNACIO	0-5-1	0-5-1
			Center	0-6-1	0-5-1

—compiled by Joel Priest

## 2011 Women's Open Basketball League

Tuesday evenings, at 5 p.m.  
beginning May 3.

Open to women basketball players,  
ages 16 and up.

Deadline to register is 5 p.m.,  
Friday, April 29.  
Visa, Master Card and Discovery.  
\$125 entry fee per team.

To sign up and for more information  
contact Angelo Valdez, 970-563-0214

## 2011 Men's Softball League

Monday nights, beginning May 16.

Open to men softball teams,  
ages 16 and older.

Deadline to register is 5 p.m.,  
Friday, May 13.  
Visa, Master Card and Discovery.  
\$250 entry fee per team.  
All teams must pay before first game.

To sign up and for more information  
contact Recreation, 970-563-0214

# WALKING TOGETHER FOR HEALTHIER NATIONS

## MAY 13, 2011

### REG: 6 AM START: 7AM

All participants that walk 3 miles will receive a FREE TSHIRT.  
We encourage all walkers to wear good walking shoes, a cap and plenty of sunscreen.  
Come out and join us at one of the starting points and walk to the Four Corners Monument.

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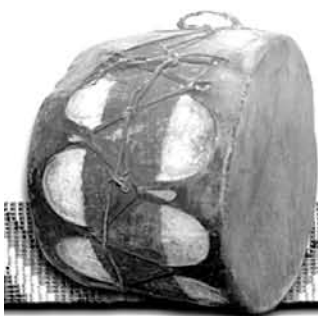
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April 22, 2011



## 2011 – 2012 Brunot Area Hunting & Fishing Proclamation For Brunot Area Hunting & Fishing by Southern Ute Tribal Members

2011-2012 BRUNOT AREA HUNTING & FISHING SEASONS		
Season Type	Permitting Start Date	Season Dates
<b>Mule Deer</b>	Aug. 15	Aug. 27 – Nov. 20
<b>Rocky Mtn. Elk</b>	Aug. 15	Aug. 27 – Nov. 20
<b>Fall Turkey</b>	Aug. 15	Aug. 27 – Nov. 20
<b>Bighorn Sheep</b>	Aug. 15*	Sept. 6 – Oct. 9
<b>Mountain Goat</b>	Aug. 15*	Sept. 6 – Oct. 31
<b>Moose</b>	Aug. 15*	Sept. 10 – Oct. 16
<b>Mountain Lion</b>	Oct. 1	Nov. 1, 2011 – April 1, 2012
<b>Spring Turkey</b>	Mar. 28	April – May 22
<b>Upland &amp; Migratory Game Birds</b>	Aug. 15	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31 ( <i>Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant &amp; Chukar</i> ) Sept. 1 – Nov. 13 ( <i>Doves &amp; Pigeons Only</i> )
<b>Waterfowl</b>	Aug. 15	Sep 1, 2011 – Jan 30, 2012 ( <i>Pacific Flyway</i> ) Oct. 1, 2011 – Feb. 12, 2012 ( <i>Central Flyway</i> )
<b>Small Game Fishing</b>	Anytime	Calendar Year

*\*Permitting for these rare game species takes place through a special application and drawing process each spring. For more information, see Rare Game Permitting.*

### INTRODUCTION TO BRUNOT AREA HUNTING & FISHING

In 1873, the confederated bands of Utes ceded a large portion of their 1868 reservation to the Federal government under a treaty commonly known as the “Brunot Agreement”. This ceded area – or “Brunot Area” – is approximately 3.7 million acres of the San Juan Mountain region within the State of Colorado. The Agreement represented a major loss to the reservation land base, and was yet another blow to the Utes’ traditional hunting-and-gathering way of life.

Included within the 1873 Agreement was an important provision reserving for the Utes the right to “hunt upon said land so long as the game lasts and the Indians are at peace with the white people.” Despite the continued loss of lands, the corresponding reduction in the size of the Ute reservation, and the re-location of certain Ute bands outside of Colorado – this reserved right within the Brunot Area has remained undiminished to this day. Based on historical evidence and testimonials from Ute elders, this reserved right includes not only hunting but also fishing and gathering activities by which the Utes supported themselves in the region for centuries prior to the Agreement.

In 2008, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe entered a new agreement – this time with the State of Colorado – addressing the Tribe’s exercise of its long-held Brunot Area hunting and fishing rights. This agreement – or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – details how the Tribe and State approach Brunot Area hunting, fishing, and wildlife law enforcement, and expresses the intent of both governments to work cooperatively toward long-term conservation of wildlife within the Brunot Area. With the completion of the MOU, Tribal members are once again able to exercise the Tribe’s long-held rights to hunt and fish within the Brunot Area, in accordance with regulations established by the Tribe.

This document is an annual proclamation, approved by the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and applies only to hunting and fishing by enrolled Southern Ute Tribal members within the Brunot Area. For more information, please contact the Tribe’s Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

### SEASON FRAMEWORK

Hunting and fishing seasons are established annually by the Tribe for all game species found within the Brunot Area. The table found on the inside cover of this proclamation specifies the current seasons (i.e., the start and end dates for legal harvest), as well as the permitting start dates. Most seasons will be the same or very similar from year to year, however, dates of several seasons may vary slightly.

Those animal species not identified as having designated seasons, and those not protected by the Tribe from harvest for cultural or conservation reasons (see Protected Fish & Wildlife), may be harvested without a Tribe-issued hunting or fishing permit.

### Cultural and Ceremonial Hunting

Those Tribal hunters wishing to hunt for cultural or ceremonial purposes within the Brunot Area and outside of the regular, Tribal-approved seasons must contact the SUIT Division of Wildlife prior to hunting. Special authorization is required for any hunting outside of the established seasons, and at least two weeks advance notice of a cultural/ceremonial hunting need should be provided.

### PERMITTING

All Tribal Members hunting or fishing within the Brunot Area must carry with them the appropriate permit(s) issued by either the Tribe or State of Colorado. Tribal Members who obtain Tribal permits are subject to the Tribal seasons and regulations set forth in this Proclamation, to be enforced by the Tribe. Those who obtain State hunting or fishing permits must hunt or fish in accordance with State seasons and regulations (see the Colorado Division of Wildlife), which will be enforced by the State. It is unnecessary, but allowable, for a hunter or angler to be permitted by both entities.

On-Reservation hunting and fishing permits (i.e., within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation) and off-Reservation hunting and fishing permits for the Brunot Area are separate and non-interchangeable. It is the responsibility of each hunter and

angler to be properly permitted for the area hunted or fished, and to follow any and all applicable regulations for that area.

Permitting for Brunot Area hunting and fishing is managed entirely through the Tribe’s Division of Wildlife office, located in the Annex Building on the tribal government campus near Ignacio, Colorado. Permits may be obtained in-person at this office or by mail for those Tribal Members living outside the Reservation area.

Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits are issued free-of-charge for the first issuance. A \$5 fee applies for replacement of lost or damaged permits.

### 2011-12 Permitting Start Dates

Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits are available to pick up at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office (or mail out) beginning on the start dates specified on the inside cover of this Proclamation through the end of the established season. Note: Except for Fishing and Small Game, the permitting start dates do not correspond to the actual season start dates.

For Rare Game (i.e., bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat), successful applicants in a lottery process will be notified of their permit availability through the Division of Wildlife following permit drawings held each June.

### Permit Eligibility

Only Southern Ute Tribal Members may obtain Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits from the Tribe and the following criteria must be met in order to obtain a valid permit:

- All applicants must present a Southern Ute Tribal identification card at the time of permit pick-up.
- For hunting, but not fishing, only applicants 12 years old or older may obtain a permit, and those under the age of 21 must present a hunter safety card.
- The applicant’s hunting and fishing privileges must not be currently suspended or revoked through the Tribe’s wildlife penalty-point system.
- Issued permits are not valid unless signed by the applicant.

### Permit Transferability

The transfer of Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits is strictly prohibited, even to other Southern Ute Tribal members or other Native Americans. Only the individual named on the Brunot Area permit is authorized to hunt or fish, per the terms of the permit. “Designated hunting” – the transfer of certain permit types between Tribal Members – is an option only for on-Reservation hunting (i.e., hunting within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation) and is not allowed within the Brunot Area.

### Mail-Out Permits

Mail-out permit(s) will be provided at no-cost by the SUIT Division of Wildlife only to a non-local Tribal Member and only upon receipt of a signed letter of request from the Tribal Member. The letter must include the hunter’s name, mailing address, date of birth, copies of the Southern Ute Tribal identification card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of the permit(s) desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

### Permit Replacement

Lost or damaged Brunot Area permits may be obtained at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office for a \$5 per permit fee, regardless of permit type. Lost or damaged permits will be immediately voided, and notification of voided permits will be sent to tribal law enforcement.

### Rare Game Permitting

Unlike other Brunot Area permitting, permitting for Rare Game (i.e., Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goat) is handled through a permit application and drawing process. Availability of applications will be announced through local media in the Ignacio area, and applications will only be accepted during the month of May. Random drawings from among the applicants will then determine the recipients of a very limited number of hunting permits. Notification of these individuals will occur during the month of June. Those who repeatedly apply but do not receive a permit will accrue bonus points, which will improve future chances of selection.

For detailed information on the rules governing the Tribal Council-approved lottery process and bonus point system, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office.

### HUNTING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the 2011/12 Tribal-approved regulations pertaining to the harvest of Brunot Area Big Game, Rare Game, Small Game, Upland Gamebirds, and Waterfowl.

SEASON BAG LIMITS FOR BIG GAME, RARE GAME, AND SMALL GAME	
Hunt Type	Bag Limit (per hunter)
<b>Mule Deer</b>	2 (1 buck & 1 doe)
<b>Rocky Mtn. Elk</b>	2 (1 bull & 1 cow)
<b>Mountain Lion</b>	1 (either sex)
<b>Fall Turkey</b>	1 (either sex)
<b>Spring Turkey</b>	1 (bearded gobbler)
<b>Bighorn Sheep</b>	
(Two permits available for 2011)	1(either sex)
<b>Mountain Goat</b>	
(Two permits available for 2011)	1(either sex)
<b>Moose</b>	
(One permit available for 2011)	1(either sex)
<b>Small Game<sup>1</sup></b>	Unlimited

<sup>1</sup>*Small Game includes: bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrel.*

### DAILY BAG LIMITS FOR UPLAND GAMEBIRDS AND WATERFOWL

#### UPLAND GAMEBIRDS

<b>Dusky Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant, Chukar</b>	3 of each per day
<b>Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove</b>	15 of each per day
<b>Bandtailed Pigeon</b>	5 per day
<b>Collared Dove</b>	Unlimited

#### WATERFOWL

##### Pacific Flyway

7 Ducks & Mergansers<sup>1</sup>  
4 Geese (Dark and/or Light)  
25 Coots / 25 Rails / 8 Snipe

##### Central Flyway

6 Ducks<sup>2</sup> / 5 Mergansers<sup>3</sup>  
20 Light Geese / 4 Dark Geese  
15 Coots / 25 Rails / 8 Snipe

<sup>1</sup>*Including no more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 2 red-heads, and 2 scaup. No canvasbacks shall be taken in the Pacific Flyway.*

<sup>2</sup>*Including no more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 2 wood ducks.*

<sup>3</sup>*Including no more than 2 hooded mergansers.*

### Legal Weapons

Legal weapons for harvesting mule deer, elk, mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose shall include:

- Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8 inch with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface;
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14 inches from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16 inches long, having a minimum broad-head width of 7/8 inch, and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface.
- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug;
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk;
- .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets;
- Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

### Legal weapons for turkey shall include:

- Shotguns except .410 gauge; bows and crossbows (i.e., as specified above for deer, elk, etc.); rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only; and muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

### Legal weapons for waterfowl shall include:

- Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets.

### Legal weapons for small game and upland gamebirds shall include:

- Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, and any bow and arrow or crossbow.

### Evidence of Sex

Evidence of sex for harvested mule deer, elk, mountain lion, turkey, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose must remain naturally attached to carcasses while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if required). Evidence of sex will include the head and/or testicles or udder. For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both male and female must be left attached for identification purposes.

### Carcass Tagging

The carcass of a harvested large game animal (i.e., mule deer, elk, mountain lion, turkey, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose) must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the Month and Day of harvest indicated on the permit and sign the permit in ink immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then remove the permit face (i.e., the “tag”) from its backing and affix it to the carcass.

All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass that is first brought to camp or to a vehicle.

For antlered animals (i.e., buck deer, bull elk, bull moose) and horned animals (i.e., bighorn sheep and mountain goat), an optional antler/horn tag is also provided as a tear-off portion of the permit. The antler/horn tag should be used if the head and carcass are to be separated (e.g., if the head is going to a taxidermist and the carcass is going to a meat processor).

### Deer & Elk Harvest Reporting

Hunters are required to report – by phone, writing, or in-person – the successful harvest of any mule deer or elk from the Brunot Area. Hunters should be prepared to describe to the Tribal Division of Wildlife generally where and when an animal was harvested. Reporting must occur within five business days of harvest during regular business hours. Failure to report the successful harvest of any mule deer or elk from the Brunot Area could subject the hunter to penalties under the Tribe’s Wildlife Conservation Code.

### Rare Game and Mountain Lion Harvest Validation

Hunters are required to have validated any mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose harvested from the Brunot Area. Validation is the physical inspection of the carcass by staff of the Tribal Division of Wildlife. Since Tribal staff is not available for weekend validations, animals must be brought in for validation during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.).

For mountain lion, the carcass must be inspected within 48 hours of the harvest. The hunter must present the carcass with skin attached.

For bighorn sheep and mountain goat, the carcass must be inspected within five business days of the harvest. The hunter must present the carcass with head (skull or cape) intact. If the harvested animal is a ram bighorn sheep, the Tribal Division of Wildlife will affix a permanent mark (plug) to the horn as proof of legal harvest.

For moose, the carcass must be inspected within five business days of the harvest. The hunter must present the head of the moose for inspection.

### Mountain Lion Hunting

Mountain lion hunting in the Brunot Area is divided into four separate units, and each unit has an associated harvest quota. The mountain lion season is open either until the season end-date or until the unit quota is filled, whichever occurs first. If the quota for a unit is filled, the season will immediately close for that unit. A Brunot Area lion permit is valid for hunting in all units that have not reached the designated harvest quota. Please refer to the mountain lion unit map in this Proclamation for the location of each unit.

Lion hunters should be aware that Lion Unit 1 (L1) encompasses both the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and a portion of the Brunot Area. Even though L1 is a combination of Reservation and Brunot lands, lion hunting on the Reservation portion requires a reservation permit, while lion hunting in the Brunot portion requires a Brunot permit. The lion permits for both areas are not interchangeable.

### THE LION HARVEST QUOTAS, BY UNIT

Lion Unit	Harvest Quota
L1	7 lions or 4 females
L2	1 lion either sex
L3	2 lions either sex
L4	2 lions either sex

### \*\*\* Important Mt. Lion Hunting Information \*\*\*

A mountain lion telephone information line is available for hunters to call to check on the status of the quotas in each unit. It is the hunter’s responsibility to call the harvest quota information line IMMEDIATELY BEFORE hunting to check the status of harvest quotas and unit closures. Call 970-563-0130 at any time for quota status.

It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.

Trained hunting dogs may be used to hunt mountain lions.

### Upland Gamebird Hunting

Hunting for Upland Gamebirds is allowed within the Brunot Area. Upland Gamebirds includes dusky (blue) grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, chukar, bandtailed pigeon and doves (mourning, whitewinged, and collared). Columbian Sharp-tailed grouse and Gunnison Sage Grouse may occur within the Brunot Area also; however, populations of these birds are very low and hunting of these species is not allowed.

Trained hunting dogs may be used to hunt migratory and upland birds.

### Waterfowl Hunting

Hunting for Waterfowl is allowed within the Brunot Area. Waterfowl includes various species of *ducks, mergansers, coots, dark and light geese, snipe, and rails (Virginia and sora)*.

The Brunot Area encompasses parts of both the Central and Pacific Flyways. Most of the Brunot Area is within the Pacific Flyway, while the Central Flyway portion is a much smaller area located east of the Continental Divide. Please refer to a map and be aware of the waterfowl harvest limits for the flyway in which you intend to hunt.

The possession limit for both the Pacific and Central Flyways is **two (2) daily bag limits**, except that possession of light geese harvested in the Central Flyway is unlimited.

Please note that, under Federal law, all waterfowl hunters are required to purchase and possess a Federal Duck Stamp. A Duck Stamp can normally be purchased for a small fee at a local Post Office.

### Trapping of Small Game

Trapping of small game is a special harvest methodology that is highly regulated at the State level, and is similarly regulated by the Tribe within the Brunot Area. The purpose of the regulations is to minimize the potential impacts of trapping on non-target wildlife, especially rare, threatened, or endangered species. For the Brunot Area, the species of concern with trapping are the Canada lynx and river otter, both of which are the subject of major re-introduction efforts and are protected from take throughout the San Juan Mountains region.

Trapping is allowed year-round, per the established Small Game season, and a trapper must obtain a Small Game permit to engage in any trapping of wildlife in the Brunot Area. Wildlife that may be trapped are those species covered under the Brunot Area Small Game permit, including: bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrel.





# 2011 – 2012 Brunot Area Hunting & Fishing Proclamation For Brunot Area Hunting & Fishing by Southern Ute Tribal Members

## All trappers must comply with the following tribal trapping regulations:

• **Trapper Notification & Reporting.** A trapper must provide at least two weeks advance notice to the Tribal Division of Wildlife of any planned Brunot Area trapping effort. The notice must include approximate location of traps, number and type(s) of traps to be used, and approximate timeframe for operating the traps. Within two weeks of completing the trapping, the trapper must have traps completely removed from the field and report to the Division the trapping results (i.e., identify all target and non-target species captured, animals retained or harvested, and all non-target mortalities).

• **Trap Attendance.** Any individual operating a trap within the Brunot Area is required to physically inspect the trap at least once every 24 hours. Note that this is not a "once daily" requirement; a trapper cannot inspect a trap on one morning and return in the afternoon the next day, as this would be in excess of 24 hours.

• **Trap Types Allowed.** Only live traps may be used for trapping in the Brunot Area, which includes any non-lethal cage, box, or Snead-design colony traps. All other methods of trapping are prohibited, including, but not limited to, all types of legholds, snares, and instant kill traps.

• **Bait Restrictions.** Visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil, and anise oil lures meant to attract felids are not permitted due to the risk of injury or mortality for Canada lynx.

• **Target and Non-Target Captures.** All captured target species must be killed on-site when the trap is checked. All captured non-target species that are uninjured must be released. Accidental mortality of non-target animals must be reported to the Wildlife Division, per the trapper reporting requirement.

Canada lynx and river otter that are captured but uninjured must be immediately released. Accidental capture of these species must be reported within 12 hours of discovery to the Tribal Wildlife Division.

• **Interference with Traps.** It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap lawfully set by a trapper, or for a non-operator of a trap to remove any animal from said trap.

## Other Hunting Requirements

• **Hunter Safety Requirements.** All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must be able to present their hunter safety education card when acquiring permits, and must carry the card with them while hunting. Both the Tribe and Colorado Division of Wildlife offer hunter education classes, and should be contacted for more information.

• **Hunters Under Age 18.** Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older while hunting.

• **Fluorescent Orange.** For non-archery hunters hunting mule deer, elk, or moose within the Brunot Area, it is required that the hunter (and the hunter's guide, if present) wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

• **Loaded Firearm in Vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person, except those authorized by law, or by the Tribe's Department of Justice and Regulatory, Enforcement Division, or Wildlife Management Division, to carry or possess any firearm other than a pistol or revolver in or on any motor vehicle, unless such firearm is unloaded. For purposes of this section, a rifle or shotgun shall be considered unloaded if it is unloaded in the chamber; a muzzle-loader shall be considered unloaded if it is not primed, and, for such purpose "primed" means having a percussion cap on the nipple, a primer in the breech, or flint in the striker and powder in the flash pan; and a bow shall be considered unloaded if an arrow is not nocked on the string. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

• **Shooting from Road.** It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from or across or onto any maintained public road on the Reservation. "Road" shall mean the area extending 50 feet on either side of the center line of the roadway. Penalties include a \$250 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

• **Shooting from a Motor Vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the Tribal-approved seasons and regulations pertaining to fishing within the Brunot Area for both 2011 and 2012. The fishing season is the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. Except as noted under Special Management Fisheries, standard angling methods and daily bag limits apply to all Brunot Area fishing by Tribal anglers.

**Important Note:** Numerous creeks and rivers with sport fisheries cross over the Brunot Area boundary. It is important for anglers to remember that, upon leaving the Brunot Area, Brunot fishing permits are no longer valid; State permit requirements and regulations apply outside of the Brunot Area. When entering the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, reservation requirements apply.

## Standard Angling Methods

Game fish may be taken by hook and line only, and the use of only one fishing rod at a time per angler is allowed. For bait fishing, one line may be used with up to two single baited hooks attached. For lure fishing, one line may be used with one artificial lure attached. Artificial lures may have up to two hooks (single, double, or treble) attached. For fly-fishing, one line may be used with up to two flies attached.

## Daily Bag and Possession Limits

The Daily Bag Limit is the maximum number of game fish you can take in one day. The Possession Limit is the number of fish you may have in your possession at any one time, including in your creel, ice chest, vehicle, camp, or home. The possession limit for all game fish is

no more than one daily bag limit (single species or in aggregate), as indicated in the Daily Bag Limits table. Bag and Possession Limits do not apply to the "Unlimited Take" fisheries.

The Daily Bag Limits for trout, bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye and saugeye are IN AGGREGATE, meaning that the limits for each group of fish consist of one species or a mix of the different species indicated.

## "UNLIMITED TAKE" FISHERIES

**Species of fish with no limits on bag or possession when fishing in ALL WATERS of the Brunot Area:**

Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Common Carp, Bullhead, and White Sucker

**Species of fish with no limits on bag or possession when fishing in Brunot Area RIVERS and CREEKS.**

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Crappie, Channel Catfish, and Walleye

## DAILY BAG LIMITS

Game Fish	Daily Bag Limit
Trout *	4
(Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Splake, Golden, Lake, Brook over 8")	
Brook Trout (under 8")	10
Kokanee Salmon	10
Channel Catfish	10
Bass* (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted)	10
Sunfish* (Bluegill and Green Sunfish)	10
Crappie* (White and Black)	20
Walleye and Saugeye *	5
Tiger Muskie (36" or longer)	1 fish

*\*Bag limits are IN AGGREGATE for the indicated group of fish*

## General Fishing Restrictions

• **Legal Fishing Hours/Duration.** Fishing may occur 24-hours a day, unless the daily bag or possession limit is met. Once the daily bag or possession limit is met, the angler must discontinue fishing.

• **Illegal Fishing Gear/Methods.** Use of the following gear or methods to catch fish is prohibited on all Brunot Area waters: all net types (excluding hand-held landing nets), trotlines, traps, explosives, poisons, guns, or any other gear or method not specified in the Standard Angling Methods section.

• **Chumming.** Chumming, or placing in the water any type of fish attractant for the purpose of catching fish, is prohibited in all Brunot waters. Chumming does not include the use of bait, lures, and flies as specified in the Standard Angling Methods section.

• **Snagging.** Snagging, or using hooked devices to snag fish in parts of their bodies other than the mouth, is only allowed for kokanee salmon in designated waters during certain times of the year. Standard daily bag/possession limits for kokanee and gear restrictions for lure fishing apply to snagging. See the Spawning Waters section for more information on kokanee snagging restrictions.

• **Bait.** Use of any live, dead, or parts of fish or amphibians as bait is prohibited in all Brunot Area waters. Non-fish and amphibian baits such as worms, insects, crayfish, vegetable matter, artificial salmon eggs, and PowerBait are permitted except in designated Trophy Trout Waters and Cutthroat Conservation Waters.

• **Planting Fish.** It is unlawful to release or move into any Brunot Area waters any fish from aquaria, ponds, bait buckets, or any other external fish source.

• **Fishing Pole Attendance.** Anglers must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.

• **Minnows.** It is unlawful to take, possess, transport, or sell live minnows anywhere within the Brunot Area.

## Special Management Fisheries

Special Management Fisheries are specific streams and lakes within the Brunot Area where closures and/or special harvest and tackle restrictions are in place to protect or enhance the local fish population. These locations include: Trophy Trout Waters, Cutthroat Conservation Waters, Trophy Bass Waters, and Spawning Waters. All anglers must comply with the special regulations in place for these designated waters.

**A. Trophy Trout Waters.** For the waters listed below, anglers may use artificial flies and lures only, with no bait fishing allowed. Unless otherwise noted, only two trout 16 inches in length or longer may be kept, per day.

- **Animas River.** From Lightner Creek to the south Brunot Area boundary located at Rivera Crossing Bridge.
- **Bear Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Dolores River.
- **Dolores River.** From McPhee Dam downstream to the west Brunot Area boundary, near Lone Dome State Wildlife Area.
- **Emerald Lakes (Big & Little).** Located 10 mi. northeast of Vallecito Res.
- **Lake Fork (of Gunnison River).** From High Bridge Gulch downstream to the north Brunot Area boundary.
- **Los Piños River.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.
- **Piedra River.** CATCH & RELEASE ONLY from USFS Road 631 bridge downstream to the lower boundary of the Tres Piedra Ranch (1.5 miles above US 160). All trout must be returned to the water immediately.
- **Rio Grande River.** From the lower boundary of River Hill Campground (near Rio Grande Reservoir)

to the east Brunot Area boundary, just west of Creede, Colorado.

- **Vallecito Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.

**B. Cutthroat Conservation Waters** are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are managed to conserve pure-strain Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Anglers may fish these waters with artificial flies and lures only, but all fish must be returned to the water immediately. Cutthroat Conservation Waters include:

- **Deep Creek** (6 mi. west of Telluride)
- **Elk Creek** (10 mi. west of Telluride)
- **Cooper Lake** (10 mi. southwest of Lake City)
- **Sloan Lake** (10 mi. northeast of Silverton)
- **Hermosa Creek, East Fork** (at Durango Mtn. Resort)
- **Piedra River, East Fork** (15 mi. northwest of Pagosa Springs)



Colorado River Cutthroat Trout



Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout

**C. Trophy Bass Waters – Totten Reservoir.** For Totten Reservoir, near Cortez, anglers may only keep smallmouth and largemouth bass that are 15 inches in length or longer. Anglers must also refrain from fishing along the north shore of the reservoir from March 1 through May 31 in order to protect nesting waterfowl.

**D. Spawning Waters** are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are inhabited by spawning populations of kokanee salmon or wild trout. In order to conserve these important fisheries and ensure successful reproductive cycles, special seasonal fishing restrictions are necessary. The Brunot Area Spawning Waters and corresponding restrictions are listed below.

- **Florida River (above Lemon Reservoir).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Lemon Reservoir from Sept. 1 thru Dec. 31.
- **Grimes Creek (upstream of Vallecito Res. water line).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31. All kokanee salmon caught before Nov. 15 must be returned to the water immediately.
- **Vallecito Creek (CR 501 upstream to Weminuche W.).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31. All kokanee salmon caught before Nov. 15 must be returned to the water immediately.
- **Big Emerald Lake Inlet Creek (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Lake Creek inlet for 1/2 mile above Big Emerald Lake from April 15 thru July 15.
- **Groundhog Reservoir Inlet Creeks (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Nash Creek and Groundhog Creek inlets for 1/2 mile above Groundhog Reservoir from April 15 through July 15.

## PROTECTED FISH & WILDLIFE

In order to ensure the long-term conservation of many rare and protected species that occur within the Brunot Area, the Tribe does not allow harvest of certain fish and wildlife by Brunot Area hunters and anglers. These include all species protected from take under the various Federal wildlife laws (e.g., Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act); those species protected under State of Colorado Title 33, and designated wildlife populations that are the subject of special research or re-introduction efforts.

For the Brunot Area, the protected wildlife species most likely to be encountered by hunters include: **Canada lynx, river otter, Gunnison sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, all raptors** (eagles, hawks, falcons, owls), and all songbirds. The protected fish species most likely to be encountered by anglers include: **Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout** (designated pure populations), **roundtail chub, flannelmouth sucker, and bluehead sucker**.

None of these protected fish and wildlife species may be harvested by Tribal Brunot Area hunters or anglers.

For a complete list of protected species, please contact the Tribal Division of Wildlife.

In addition to the protected species identified above, the Tribe has also designated black bear as a protected, culturally sensitive species that shall not be subject to harvest by Brunot Area hunters under a Tribal-issued permit. Tribal hunters, however, retain the option of obtaining a State permit for harvesting black bear.

## OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND INDIAN LAND

Open Areas for hunting and fishing shall generally include all public lands within the Brunot Area boundary, which consist of most Federal government and State of Colorado-owned lands (e.g., National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, State Wildlife Areas, State Parks, State school sections). Certain exceptions apply on some Federal and State-owned properties, or portions thereof; see Closed Areas below.

**Closed Areas** are those lands within the Brunot Area where hunting and/or fishing is not allowed by the Tribe for (1) public safety reasons, or (2) sensitive resource protection reasons. These areas include:

- all properties within the limits of any Brunot Area town or municipality;
- all properties or areas closed by local government (i.e., city or county) for public safety reasons;
- any place in close proximity to campgrounds, boat ramps, marinas, trailheads, occupied buildings, private residences, and any other facilities where hunting presents an undue risk to users, residents, and/or the facilities;
- any areas closed by Federal or State agencies to protect archaeological, wildlife, or other sensitive natural resource sites;

**Note:** Additional fishing-related closures are also specifically identified in the Spawning Waters section of the Brunot Area Fishing Regulations.

**Private Property** represents a substantial portion, approximately 25%, of the entire Brunot Area. Although permitted Brunot Area hunters and anglers are authorized to take game species on private property, the hunter or angler must always obtain access permission from the land owner prior to entering private land. It is always the hunter's or angler's responsibility to know where private land occurs, even if land boundaries are not clearly marked in the field. Hunters and anglers should carefully review maps provided by the Tribe, as well as those published by State and Federal lands agencies. Always seek knowledgeable help if in doubt about land status.

**Indian Land** within the Brunot Area is a small portion of the Ute Mountain Ute (UMU) reservation extending to south of Cortez, Colorado and west of Mesa Verde National Park. For purposes of Brunot Area hunting by Southern Ute Tribal members, UMU land should be considered private property and not huntable without the expressed permission of the UMU Tribe.

## JURISDICTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Tribe and State of Colorado have a shared responsibility for establishing appropriate hunting and fishing regulations for the hunters and fishermen under their respective authorities in the Brunot Area, as well as for enforcing those regulations. It is the Tribe's intent to provide a law enforcement presence in the Brunot Area utilizing Southern Ute Tribal Rangers.

Tribal hunters and anglers are likely to encounter both Tribal and State law enforcement officers while in the Brunot Area, and should be prepared to show appropriate identification and permits, if requested by any law enforcement officer. In general, if a violation of a Tribal wildlife regulation has been committed by a Tribal-permitted hunter or angler, that hunter or angler shall be subject to Tribal citation and prosecution in Tribal Court.

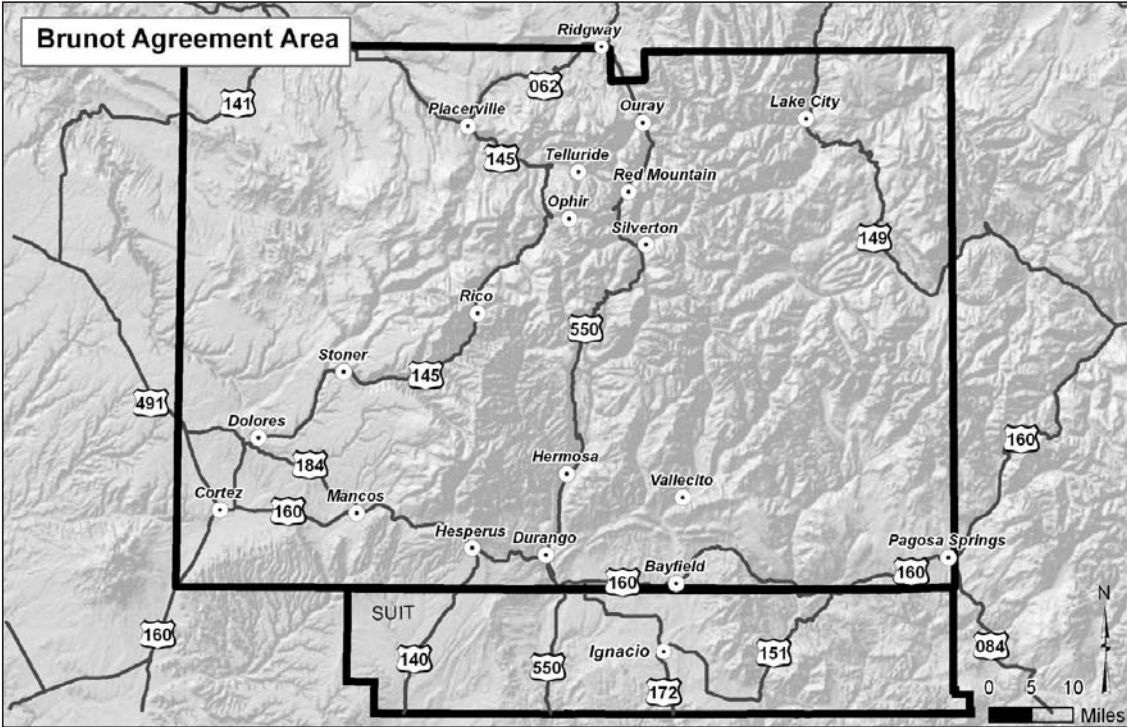
Tribal hunters and anglers are required to carry with them their Tribal identification cards as proof of Tribal-enrolled status.

## BRUNOT AREA MAP

The Brunot Area maps are for general reference purposes only. Detailed boundary descriptions for specific hunt units (i.e., mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose), as well as maps showing precise locations of Special Management Fisheries, are available to tribal members through the SUIT Division of Wildlife office in Ignacio. (See brochure for complete maps.)

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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# Cool air, clear skies reel in fisherman

The April 14 opening day at Lake Capote saw more than 20 visitors, many of whom were Southern Ute tribal members, looking to get some fresh air and try their luck on the water. Duke Baker and his son, Payton, were reeling them in as fast as they could set them free. Rudley Weaver got an early start and pulled in his share of trout as the day wore on. Paul Sanchez of Albuquerque, N.M., spent his first day on the lake fishing with his brother. Janet Wedin and Micheal Curtiss, Lake Capote employees, greeted visitors and helped out where they could. Curtiss supervised the stocking of 3,500 brown trout and 1,000 rainbow trout in the days preceding the season opening of the tribally operated reservoir. With shade shelters in place and a new lake manager on the way, Capote is open for business.

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Tribal Obituaries



**SANCHEZ** - Joan Howe Sanchez died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. She was 70. Joan was born May 24, 1940, in Ignacio, Colo. She moved to Richmond, Calif., to go to school for nursing. She then met Winfred Sanchez and they were married June 11, 1963. They were married for 48 years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Howe, father Edward Howe, brothers Elwood, Marcus, Elbert and Helia Howe, and sisters Rose Marie and Marjorie Howe.

She is survived by her husband Winfred Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; sons Edward Sanchez, Sr., of Zuni, N.M.; and David Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; daughters Marlene Victorino of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; Maria Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; Diane Analla of Ignacio, Colo.; and Edwina Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo; and eight grandchildren.

A wake was held Friday, April 1, 2011, at the home of daughter Diane Analla, 114 Howe Drive, in Ignacio, Colo. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, April 2, 2011, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio. Father Douglas Hunt of St. Ignatius officiated. Burial occurred at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

Colorado Department of Transportation/Southern Ute Tribe

**Transportation Maintenance Worker 1**  
The Adult Occupational Training Program, and the Colorado Department of Transportation are advertising the Transportation Maintenance Worker 1. This training program will be under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, for six months and six months under the Colorado Department of Transportation, and will be employed in Durango, CO. Applications can be picked up at the Human Resources Department, deadline to apply is Monday, April 25, 2011 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Luana Herrera, Adult Occupational Training Coordinator 970-563-0237.



Restaurants

<b>Hero's Pizza &amp; Deli Favorites</b> 970-563-9500 580 Goddard Ave. M-Th 6:30a-6p; F 6:30a-8p <i>"Best in the West, feast from the East"</i>	<b>The Patio Restaurant</b> 970-563-9574 85 Goddard Ave. www.thepatioignacio.com M-Th, Sa 6a-8p; F 6a-8:30p; Su 6a-2p <i>"Where good friends meet &amp; eat"</i>
<b>Julie's El Amigo</b> 970-563-9998 355 Goddard Ave. jquintana1952@yahoo.com 11a-8p <i>"Mexican &amp; American food"</i>	

Retail

<b>Classy Seconds</b> 970-563-1230 645 Goddard Ave. classysecondsangela@gmail.com M-F 9a-5p	<b>Pine River Enterprises</b> 970-563-9286 1817 Hwy. 151 M-F 7:30a-5p <i>"Selling tires and farm and ranch goods"</i>
<b>Ignacio Floral &amp; Gifts</b> 970-563-4070 745 Goddard Ave. <i>"Don't forget Administrative Professionals Week April 25-29"</i>	<b>Pinon Liquors</b> 970-563-4083 125 Goddard Ave. M-Th 10a-11p; F-Sa 10a-12a; Su 10a-10p <i>"Everyday low prices; drive-up window; good wine selection; coldest beer"</i>
<b>Marcella's Gifts</b> 970-563-0266 355 Goddard Ave. diamondlady@frontier.net Tu-Sa 10a-5:30p; Su appt	<b>Roots Natural Foods</b> 970-563-1234 695 Goddard Ave. rnf@centurytel.net Tu-F 10a-6p; Sa 9a-4p <i>"A foundation for a healthy lifestyle"</i>

Services

<b>Dancing Spirit Healing Arts Center</b> 970-563-4600 640 Goddard Ave. www.dancingspiritcoop.com M-F 11a-6p; Sa 10a-4p <i>"Locally made hand-crafted art"</i>	<b>Pine River Community Learning Center</b> 970-563-0681 535 Candelaria Dr. www.prclc.org <i>"Adult education, GED, English classes, home school resources"</i>
<b>Garcia Chiropractic Wellness Center LLC</b> 970-563-1006 640 Goddard Ave. M-F 9a-12p, 3-6p <i>"Helping people recover from illness, injury, and the stress of life"</i>	<b>Pine River Times</b> 970-884-2331 110 E. Mill St. www.pinerivertimes.com <i>"The heart of the Pine River Valley"</i>
<b>Ignacio Community Library</b> 970-563-9287 470 Goddard Ave. www.ignaciolibrary.org M-Th 9a-7p; F 9a-5p; Sa 9a-4p <i>"A cool place to check out"</i>	<b>Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc.</b> 970-563-4517 285 Lakin St. www.sucap.org Hours varies by program <i>"Services for families. With you every step of the way"</i>
<b>Paco Glass Inc.</b> 970-563-4074 950 1/2 Goddard Ave. <i>"Summertime is coming; keep the bugs out and get your screens done early"</i>	<b>Sunshine Motors</b> 970-563-0498 170 S. Ute St. M-F 9a-5p; S 10a-2p/appt <i>"Family run for over 30 years. Several financing options available, vehicle detailing and restoration"</i>
<b>Photocopier Service/Copy Shop</b> 970-884-2311 1327 U.S. Hwy 160B Ste. F M-F 9a-4p <i>"Copies, inks, toners, imaging supplies on all makes office equipment"</i>	

To advertise in the Ignacio Business directory, contact Ignacio Floral & Gifts at 970-563-4070 or The Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118.

NEW EMPLOYEES



**Nathan Strong Elk**  
Job title: Museum executive director apprentice  
Description of duties: Responsible for becoming competent in administration, exhibits, collections, education, development, technology, maintenance & security, performance based evaluation and professional development.  
Hobbies: Flute playing, bike riding, bear dance singing, cooking, camping, working out and being happily married.  
Family: Three daughters and one more on the way.  
Tribe: Southern Ute Nation  
Additional Comments: I have earned a Native American church fire-place and am an "up and coming" roadman. I have a degree from Stanford University, A.B

**Ryan John Quinn**  
Job title: D.O.G  
Description of duties: The enforcement of: gaming code, tribal law, state and federal law.



**Robert J. Woods**  
*No photo available*  
Job title: Patrol officer  
Description of duties: patrol and enforce laws of Colorado state and Ute land.  
Family: Wife and 6 months old son.

Request For Proposal

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (NRMP) UPDATE  
AND PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA)

**OWNER:**  
**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Mailing Address:**  
**P.O. Box 737**  
**Ignacio, CO**  
**81137**  
**Contacts:**  
**Brian Gideon, Forestry Division Head**  
**Steve Whiteman, Wildlife Division Head**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the NRMP Update and PEA. RFP will be accepted through May 20, 2011 until 5:00 PM. RFP received after this time will not be accepted and returned to the unopened. Contracting party is the SUIT and DNR will be managing the project.

The NRMP is a comprehensive, long-range planning document that spells out the SUIT's vision of how its natural resources should be managed as a whole for the benefit of the Tribe and Tribal Members. The NRMP is a living document subject to periodic updates in order to respond to changing needs and directions as determined by the Tribe. The last major update occurred in 2000, and the plan is currently effective through 2020.

The NRMP is divided into multiple sections, including (but not limited to) narrative descriptions

of reservation setting and resources; a listing of related goals and objectives drawn from the Tribe's comprehensive plan; a summary of management issues and policies based in part on Tribal Member feedback; comprehensive descriptions of seven different watershed management units along with management options for each; and detailed GIS-produced maps and data for the reservation. Also included both as a component of the NRMP and as a stand-alone document, is a programmatic environmental assessment that has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency. The PEA provides an umbrella NEPA document which site-specific management activities under the NRMP can tier to for environmental compliance.

RFP's may be picked up at DNR, Annex building from Ms. Liz Bacon, 116 Mouache Dr, Ignacio, CO, 81137, 970-563-0125. Questions regarding the project may be directed at Mr. Brian Gideon at 970-563-4780 or Mr. Steve Whiteman at 970-563-0130.

The SUIT's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the SUIT TERO office. For more information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

Rolling Thunder  
Men's and Women's  
Basketball Tournament



May 6th, 7th & 8th  
1st place \$1000  
2nd place Jackets  
3rd place Long Sleeve Shirts  
All Star Awards  
Deadline to sign up will be 5/4/2011

Hosted by:  
SunUte Community Center  
Ignacio, Colorado  
(970) 563-0214







## Express Your Opinions

### Newton thanks Tribe

Good morning, I would like to thank all of the Tribal Council and staff for the hard work and dedication that has been demonstrated over the past two months.

We the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have proved even in time of political turnover that we have a strong council, strong staff, and strong people.

I have always said that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is trailblazers in Indian Country and that is because of you the staff and all the hard work that is done for the Membership.

In closing it has been a pleasure working and serving as acting-chair for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Thank You.

Jimmy R. Newton, Jr

Acting-Chairman

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### Casias extends thanks

Thank you Election Board members for an excellent job. As a Board your task is very important to the Administration and the general membership my hat is off to all of you.

To the Tribal Membership, I am most humbly grateful for your confidence in me as your newly elected Chairwoman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe most of all to the voters who exercised their right to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl E. Casias, Chairwoman

### Dear Hometown Heroes

Troop 3743 would like to thank you for all you do for our community and our school. Community members have purchased addition boxes of cookies from our troop in order to thank you, Hometown Heroes. Troop 3743 chose to recognize the Elementary School and Intermediate School teachers/ staff, the Los Pinos Fire Department, the Town Police Department and the Southern Ute Police Department.

Please enjoy the Girl Scout cookies! We appreciate all you do for US!

Thank you,

Troop 3743

Kiana Valdez, Kera Madril, Morgan Herrera,

Charlize Valdez, Noelle Sitton

### SUPD thanks Troop 3743

Dear, Kiana Valdez, Kera Madril, Morgan Herrera, Charlize Valdez, Noelle Sitton:

It isn't everyday that we, officers of the law, get recognized by the community that we are a valuable asset. We pride ourselves on our mission to serve and protect the rights of all people while promoting and preserving peace within the Southern Ute Reservation. We are continuously trying to look for more ways to better our relationship, services, and support with the community. We are truly grateful to the Girl Scout Troop 3743 for the honor of their recognition and thanks. It means a great deal to us in our line of work. So, Thank You for your support and appreciation.

Sincerely,

The Southern Ute Police Department

**EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE.**

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## Museum awards art contest winners



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

### SUCCM thank you

I first would like to extend a very big "Thank You" to all students who participated in our art contest.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum recently hosted an art competition between all the Ignacio school students and the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The purpose of the art contest was to give a gift that was designed by students who could interpret what they think about the new museum. They

were given three themes to choose from and two months to come up with a picture that would inspire visitors. There were six overall winners and their art work is going to be made into gift cards that will be handed out during all three of our grand openings and will also be found in our new gift shop. All of the art will be showcased for the public to view during the opening.

To the art committee a very special thank you, without your help this wouldn't have

been possible. Fidelia Silva, Melody Pickup, Jinhee Ha, Gabriel Tate, and Ardie Eleck.

We would like to thank the the participants, (pictured below).

Not Pictured: Zehrena Antez – Ignacio Intermediate, Rachel Cooper – Ignacio Intermediate and BreeAnn Martinez – Ignacio Elementary

We thank you for all of your entries.

Eleanor Frost

Southern Ute

Cultural Center and Museum



Hunter Brassard,  
SUIMA



Alexis Gonzalez,  
SUIMA



Morgan Herrera,  
Ignacio Elementary

## Sponsored by Sleeping Ute Diabetes Prevention Program Towaoc, Colorado

### Saturday, May 7

Mother's Day Walk — 9 a.m.

Veterans Park

Everyone welcome

First 25 mothers who walk will receive a free T-shirt

Mother's Day Gourd Dance: 12 – 5 p.m.

Towaoc Recreation Center

Supper break: 5 – 6 p.m., Gourd dance: 6 – 8 p.m.

M.C.: Dominic Arquero (Cochiti Pueblo)

Head singer: Michael Coan (Long Walk Des. Dine)

Head gourd dancer: Larry Anderson Sr. (Dine), founder of Black Creek Gourd Dance Society (Ft. Defiance, Ariz.)

Arena director: Donald Tolino Sr. (Dine), Black Creek Gourd Society (Gallup, N.M.)

For more information, contact Sleeping Ute Diabetes Prevention Program at 970-564-5391/5392. Diabetes program will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

## May 6 Drum DEADLINES

### Display/Classified Ads & Jobs April 29

### Stories & News, Announcements Wishes/B-Days! May 2

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# StarWheels

## Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TAURUS PEOPLE! It's your time to shine your light. Don't waste a minute of this months' favorable planetary line up. For starters, the NEW MOON takes place in your sign on the 2nd, and gets the month off to a positive beginning. What's more, your bright and sparkling planet VENUS connects with MERCURY on the 9th endowing you with mental acuity and the drive to pursue your goals. After the 15th the planets promote more favorable financial possibilities.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

May's menu has you completing an old cycle and preparing for a new one. Focus on your spring clean up Twins. This includes clearing away unfinished business, both at work and in the domestic realm. MERCURY your personal planet slips into practical TAURUS on the 15th and encourages a more thoughtful course of action for you to consider. Clarity and purpose steer you towards your objectives after the 21st when the SUN empowers your sign again.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Pay attention MOON KIDS ...there's a new game in town and you are more than welcome to share in the revelry. The NEW MOON festivities begin on the 2nd in the sign of TAURUS. No doubt you'll be anxious to join the comforting circle of friends who care and share their dreams with you. Come out of your shell CANCER, social activities may offer bright opportunities for you to pursue. The sky is the limit.

### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Hey Lions, you could earn extra points for a job well done. Using sheer determination and persistence, you may be propelled to the top of your game. Stop a determined Lion? No way! Career minded LEOS can broaden their objectives by focusing on employment ambitions. All other LEO folks may gain by pursuing a path towards their personal ventures.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)

A bevy of planets currently crowd the section of your chart related to future objectives. No doubt their influence is inspiring you with profitable ideas, and promising employment situations. Nevertheless its action driven MARS that may give you the momentum you've been waiting for. Best not to delay moving forward when MARS rushes into the determined sign of TAURUS on the 11th. Go out and rub elbows with those who offer sensible advice, and support.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)

A planetary balancing act is currently at work in your chart. Chances are you're feeling pulled in opposite directions. But it's your financial practices that may be the root cause. This month's lunations are the trigger, starting with the NEW MOON on the 2nd, as it emphasizes jointly held finances, then finishing with the FULL MOON on the 17th as it illuminates personal spending habits. Keep a sharp eye on your money LIBRA. Thriftiness should be practiced for the first half of May.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Don't look now SCORPIO, there's a gang of planets hanging opposite you and it may be a tad more difficult to get your way with partners or close associates. The NEW MOON, VENUS, MERCURY, MARS, and the SUN have all taken a stand in the grounded steadfast sign of TAURUS. It's all about what they want. But no matter, you're still a part of the big picture and together you'll be plotting an innovative itinerary to follow.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

JUPITER, the benevolent giant of the Solar System holds court in the sign of ARIES for the whole month. Its enormous influence rattles the creativity zone of your chart. It's all about growth Sagittarius. As an added bonus URANUS the planet of unexpected changes has entered the sign of ARIES and may enhance your romantic possibilities. If you're not careful single Saggies, you could be hit with one of Cupid's arrows.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Both the home and the inventive sections of your chart are stimulated by May's planetary positions. With PLUTO still holding a command position in your sign, your agenda is easily promoted. MARS and MERCURY offer up favorable opportunities on the 20th to initiate any type of work related to your ambitions and domestic projects. Be sure to include loved ones, and elders. The main point is to make it an enjoyable experience for all involved.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Rest assured your domestic environment will see plenty of hustle and bustle during the first part of May. A pack of planets are presently motivating your home base with great vigor! It's a good month to make household improvements, or spend more time with family members. Our star, (the mighty SUN) glides into the entertainment part of your chart after the 21st and you may be more than eager to cut loose from your daily grind. Enjoy yourself AQUARIUS!

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Put your Roller Blades on Little Fishes! A rowdy group of planets have invaded the normally easy going pace of your daily life and have turned calm into craziness. Fortunately it's a more organized type of chaos. Do what you can to maintain the hectic pace. You can expect the commotion to begin on the 2nd with the arrival of the NEW MOON. On your mark, get set, GO!

### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your options for May are numerous Rams. Take the opportunity to safe guard your financial future. A powerhouse of planets have stampeded into the main money section of your chart...and they mean business! Circle the 2nd of May on your calendar when the NEW MOON triggers a lucrative, and satisfying money cycle. Later on the 11th the energy intensifies when MARS charges into the \$\$ sign of TAURUS. Are you ready to shift into pursuit mode Rams





### Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com  
*Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.*

**Reservoir Engineer IV**  
Closing date 4/25/11 – Red Willow Production Co. To participate in evaluating reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Position requires skillful application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills.

**Reservoir Engineer V**  
Closing date 4/25/11 – Red Willow Production Co. To participate in evaluating reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Position requires expert application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills.

**Summer Intern Engineer**  
Closing date 4/26/11 – Aka Energy Group, LLC Short-term training position designed to give college level engineering students work experience in the midstream industry appropriate to their skill and knowledge level. Must be enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's degree program in an Engineering discipline at an accredited institution and have successfully completed a minimum of 12 hours of college level course work related to engineering.

**Business Development Analyst**  
Closing date 5/6/11 – Red Willow Production Co. To work with the Business Development Group on strategic planning, business development, industry and competitor trends, and new opportunities including acquisitions and divestitures.

### SUCCM

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
Application packets can be picked up at 77 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO, or emailed on request. 970-563-9583 • www.southernutemuseum.org

**Museum Docent**  
Closing date 5/6/11 – Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
Minimum requirements include a high school diploma. Meets and greets museum guests. Collects admission and other museum fees. Assists in tours and other duties to insure a quality museum experience for visitors. Reports to the Education Manager. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check and be able to be bonded. Southern Ute Tribal member required.

### SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

#### Board of Directors, Six Vacancies

**Deadline for nominations May 13, 2011.** Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. (SUCAP), will be holding its biennial elections June 7, 2011, we are looking for community members who are interested in running for a seat under Category II of our Board of Directors.  
**Category II – those elected by the community at large, will have 6 vacant seats. This is a two-year term.** If you have an interest in human services, non-profit organizations or like to be involved in new and exciting initiatives impacting your community – here's your chance! The SUCAP Board of Directors meets once a month and committees meet approximately every quarter. You must be 18 years old and reside within the Ignacio School District (11JT) boundaries. Contact Naomi Russell if you are interested or know of someone who might be. 970-563-4517 or nrussell@sucap.org. **All nominations will be followed up by SUCAP.**

### SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517  
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

**Bus Driver/Maintenance**  
Open until filled - Southern Ute Head Start  
An excellent opportunity to serve the youth in your community. CDL required, we will train and pay for licensure for the right candidate. Previous bus driving and janitorial exp. preferred. High School Diploma or GED required. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. and experience with power tools. Subject to drug & alcohol testing, background checks, medical exam and TB test.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419  
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com

**Bingo**  
Bingo Staff – PT  
**Food & Beverage**  
Rounds Cook – TMP  
Banquet Staff – OC  
**Gift Shop**  
Retail Staff – PT  
**Hotel**  
Room Attendant – FT

**IT**  
Database Administrator – FT  
**Marketing**  
Kiosk Staff – TMP  
**Table Games**  
Poker Pit Boss – FT  
Multi-Games Dealer – FT



*Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans. FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp*

### IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION  
PO BOX 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO (970) 563-0240

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2011-DV-31  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**Starlene Naranjo, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Starlene Reed filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Starlene Naranjo. Therefore notice is hereby given that Starlene Reed name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Starlene Naranjo.  
**Dated this 28th day of March, 2011**  
**Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2011-049-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**Beatrice M. Cervantes, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Beatrice M. Cervantes has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Beatrice M. Tucson. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 23, 2011 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
**Dated this 7th day of April, 2011.**  
**KELLY HERRERA, Court Clerk**

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-PR-215**  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
**Jamie Silva Scott, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO. Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 9:30 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 12th of April, 2011**  
**Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk**

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs  
Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Payroll Specialist**  
Closes 4/28/11 – Processes time cards and Kronos sheets for the Tribe's bi-weekly payroll. Generates and distributes payroll checks. Performs payroll process duties as necessary.

**Business Office Manager**  
Closes 4/29/11 – Responsible for THD office management to include the overall direction and supervision of the health registration functions, benefits contact, medical records, medical administrative assistants, insurance verification, voucher examination, data entry, benefits coordination, billing and collection of all third party resources across the THD department.

**Detention Officer**  
Closes 4/29/11 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

**Medical Records Technician**  
Closes 4/29/11 – Incumbent will provide clerical support of the care and treatment given to patients, inclusive of patient registration, documentation of visits, collection and entry of insurance information, and appropriate filing and handling of patient records.

**Tribal Ranger**  
Closes 4/29/11 – Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies.

**Air Quality Engineer**  
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds.

**Temporary YNR Crew Leader**  
Open Until Filled – The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR

**Temporary YNR Crew Member (4 positions)**  
Open Until Filled – Temporary summer position designed for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years old or older. Crewmembers serve as workers on a crew of four that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. YNR crew performs a variety of functions related to environmental education and on-the-ground work in various disciplines of natural resource management.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

#### Southern Ute Social Services

**Child Protection Team**  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Child Protection Team. The Team reviews all cases of alleged child abuse or neglect reported to the Division of Social Services to determine if they are founded, or unfounded. If founded, the Team makes recommendations for services and treatment to promote the well-being of children and to reduce child abuse and neglect on the Southern Ute Reservation. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be 18 years or older, and be parents, foster parents, or community members and are subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Child Protection Team can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office by 5 p.m., May 10, 2011. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

#### Southern Ute Social Services

**Citizen Review Panel**  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office by 5 p.m., May 10, 2011. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

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#### PowWow Committee Vacancy

**The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four PowWow Committee Member vacancies.**

A Committee member must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian PowWow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

### Fathers' Voices Board of Directors

The Fathers' Voices program is seeking interested individuals from the Ignacio, Durango area to serve on the Board of Directors. The mission of the Fathers' Voice Program is: "To help fathers and mothers to build safe and happy families in order to strengthen our communities, reduce family violence, reduce teen pregnancy, reduce alcohol and substance abuse, and to improve the health of individuals and families". The Board will consist of no less than 5 members and no more than 10. Each board member will serve a two-year term. Experience in non-profit work a plus. Interested individuals must submit a letter in interest, all nominations will be reviewed by the Board and will be contacted after review. Deadline for submission is May 29, 2011. Please submit letters of interest to Fathers' Voices c/o Robert Ortiz, PO Box 4, Ignacio, CO 81137.

### Archaeological Internship Opportunity

Participate in cultural resource survey, site recording and mapping, artifact identification, Work in Four Corners area, office based in Ignacio. Can be physically demanding, some overnight camping may be required. 10-40 hrs/week, 8-12 weeks, starting in May or June. Contact Cynthia or Doug Loebig at 970-563-4615. Applicants must be TERO qualified, call 970-563-0100, ext. 2294.


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